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1 **[THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DID NOT MEET IN**
2 **CLOSED SESSION TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2009.]**

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THIS MORNING WE WILL BE LED WE WILL BE
7 LED IN OUR INVOCATION BY THE REVEREND KURT CHRISTENSON, THE
8 SENIOR PASTOR OF SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH IN GLENDALE, FOLLOWED
9 BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, LED BY MR. WADE MURDOCH,
10 COMMANDER OF POST NO. 723, HOLLYDALE, THE AMERICAN LEGION.
11 PASTOR?

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13 **REV. CHRISTENSON:** LET US PRAY. GRACIOUS GOD, AUTHOR AND GIVER
14 OF ALL LIFE, ALL THAT WE CHERISH, I ASK FOR YOUR BLESSING AND
15 CONTINUED WISDOM FOR THE PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM WHO DELIBERATE
16 OVER THE LIVES OF MILLIONS. GRACIOUS GOD, I ASK THAT YOU
17 CONTINUE TO WATCH OVER THEM AND BLESS THEM IN THEIR WORK. I
18 ASK THAT YOU BLESS THEIR FAMILIES IN THESE DAYS. WATCH OVER
19 THEM. FOR ALL THEIR STAFF AND FOR ALL THEIR FAMILIES, FOR ALL
20 THESE MEN AND WOMEN WHO WORK SO HARD FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL.
21 AS BEST THAT YOU GIVE THEM YOUR BLESSING. I ASK FOR YOUR
22 GUIDANCE IN THE NAME OF ALL THAT IS GOOD, AMEN.

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24 **WADE T. MURDOCH:** IF EVERYONE ASSEMBLED WILL PUT THEIR RIGHT
25 HAND OVER THEIR HEART, AND BASED ON A NEW LAW, ALL VETERANS



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1 ARE ALLOWED TO GIVE A HAND SALUTE. ALL VETERANS, PLEASE JOIN
2 ME WITH A HAND SALUTE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT A
5 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO MR. WADE MURDOCH, WHO AS I
6 MENTIONED, IS THE COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION HOLLYDALE
7 POST NO. 723, WHERE HE ALSO SERVES AS THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE
8 STATE OF CALIFORNIA AMERICAN LEGION. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED
9 STATES MARINE CORPS FROM 1959 TO 1963 AS A SERGEANT IN THE
10 AMPHIBIOUS UNIT BASED OUT OF CAMP PENDLETON. HE HAS RECEIVED A
11 GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, A NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, A
12 VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL, A REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL, A
13 COMBAT ACTION RIBBON. WADE HAS LIVED IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT
14 FOR 41 YEARS AND HAS THREE CHILDREN. SO ON BEHALF OF THE
15 BOARD, WE'D LIKE TO THANK HIM FOR TAKING THE TIME OUT OF HIS
16 BUSY SCHEDULE TO COME DOWN HERE AND LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF
17 ALLEGIANCE, BUT ALSO A PERSONAL THANK YOU FOR WHAT HE
18 CONTINUES TO DO ON BEHALF OF ALL VETERANS. THANK YOU, WADE.
19 [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND OTHERS, IT'S A PLEASURE TO
22 INTRODUCE PASTOR KURT CHRISTENSON WHO IS THE SENIOR PASTOR AT
23 SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH IN GLENDALE. HE WAS EDUCATED IN
24 MINNESOTA, AND PACIFIC LUTHERAN SEMINARY IN BERKELEY, WITH
25 DEGREES IN ENGLISH, PHILOSOPHY, AND FUNCTIONAL THEOLOGY. HE



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1 ALSO HAS THE GREAT HONOR TO BE IN CHARGE OF OVERSEEING THE
2 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF SALEM LUTHERAN'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
3 WHICH HAS ONE OF THE GREAT REPUTATIONS IN THE COMMUNITIES FOR
4 QUALITY EDUCATION FROM PREKINDERGARTEN THROUGH SIXTH GRADE,
5 WHERE MY TWO CHILDREN ATTEND. AND HE HAS TWO BROTHERS WHO ARE
6 PASTORS, AS WELL. HIS FATHER WAS A NAVAL OFFICER. AND HE AND
7 HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER LIVE IN GLENDALE. SO THANK YOU, PASTOR
8 CHRISTENSON, FOR COMING DOWN AND OPENING US IN PRAYER.

9 [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LET'S
12 PROCEED WITH THE AGENDA.

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
15 BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE
16 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D
17 THROUGH 3-D. ON ITEM NO. 1-D, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
18 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO AUGUST 4TH,
19 2009.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 2-D, AS INDICATED ON THE
24 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY



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1 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED
2 BACK TO THE COMMISSION.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 3-D, WHICH WAS POSTED ON THE
7 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS
8 ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 28TH, 2009.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 5, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING
13 OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 1-H, AS INDICATED ON THE
14 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HOUSING
15 AUTHORITY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE
16 HOUSING AUTHORITY.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK
21 AND SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P AND 2-P.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED
24 BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE ON PAGE 7, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS
2 1 THROUGH 10. ON ITEM NO. 4, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF
3 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 6, THERE'S A REQUEST
4 FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE REMAINING
5 ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
8 MOLINA. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 9, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 11
11 THROUGH 54. ON ITEM NO. 11, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
12 AGENDA, THE CHAIR OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE REQUESTS THAT THIS
13 ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE. AND ALSO,
14 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
15 ITEM.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ITEM 11 ALSO REFERS TO A NUMBER
18 OF, LET'S SEE, IS IT ONE OR MORE PEOPLE HOLDING THE ITEM?

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IT'S JUST ONE INDIVIDUAL.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE ARE GOING TO REFER THIS BACK, BUT
23 THIS CAN BE ADDRESSED DURING PUBLIC COMMENTS, OKAY?

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25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE ARE REFERRING IT BACK?



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE ARE REFERRING IT BACK.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. ON ITEM NO. 17, AS INDICATED ON
5 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WITHDRAWS
6 HIS REQUEST TO HAVE THIS ITEM CONTINUED TO JULY 28TH, 2009.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THE ITEM IS BEFORE US.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM REMAIN ON
11 TODAY'S AGENDA. BUT THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
12 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 18, AS INDICATED ON
13 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
14 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO
15 AUGUST 4TH, 2009.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 19, AS INDICATED ON THE
20 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES
21 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO AUGUST 4TH,
22 2009.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. 18 AND 19 CONTINUED TWO
25 WEEKS.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 22, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
3 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 28, THE
4 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
5 ONE WEEK TO JULY 28TH, 2009.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 47 AND 48, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
10 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED TO AUGUST 25TH,
11 2009.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO ORDERED. THAT WOULD BE TO
14 AUGUST 25TH.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT
17 CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECONDED BY
20 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 25, ORDINANCES FOR
23 INTRODUCTION. ITEMS 55 THROUGH 61, AS INDICATED ON THE
24 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHAIR OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE REQUESTS



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1 THAT THESE ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION BE REFERRED BACK TO THE
2 AUDIT COMMITTEE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED, BE REFERRED BACK.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 27, SEPARATE MATTER, ITEM
7 NO. 62. AND I'LL READ THIS IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS THE
8 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A
9 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE
10 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAX-EXEMPT REVENUE BONDS IN AN
11 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$85 MILLION FOR THE
12 PURPOSE OF FINANCING AND REFINANCING CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AT
13 CERTAIN CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT FACILITIES OWNED AND
14 OPERATED BY THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PRESBYTERIAN HOMES AND ITS
15 AFFILIATES, AND RATIFY A TAX EQUITY AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY
16 ACT HEARING HELD BY THE COUNTY TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY
19 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEMS. ITEM 63 AND 64. ON ITEM
22 NO. 63, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR A REPORT. ON ITEM NO. 64, AS
23 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR KNABE
24 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO
25 SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2009.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO
3 THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
4 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 65-
5 A.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED
8 BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 65-B.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE
13 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 31, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ON
16 ITEM NO. CS-1, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS
17 ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO AUGUST 4TH, 2009.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM CS-2, THE ACTING COUNTY COUNSEL
22 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO AUGUST 4TH,
23 2009.

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
4 DISTRICT NO. 3.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO ASK
9 JOHN DICECCO TO COME FORWARD? MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
10 BOARD, JOHN DICECCO HAS SERVED WITH DISTINCTION FOR 28 YEARS
11 WITH THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IN VARYING
12 CAPACITIES, INCLUDE PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER, DIRECTOR OF THE
13 L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES FAMILY
14 CENTER OF CARSON. DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND MEDI-
15 CAL PROGRAMS FOR THE DIVISION OF STUDENT HEALTH AND HUMAN
16 SERVICES FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS. HE HAS PROVIDED OVERSIGHT OF
17 L.A.U.S.D.'S 34 SCHOOL-BASED CLINICS, HEALTH CENTERS. THE L.A.
18 MEDI-CAL REIMBURSEMENT UNIT, MEDI-CAL ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMING
19 PROGRAM, THE CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE ACCESS AND MEDI-CAL
20 PROGRAM. 69 CALIFORNIA HEALTHY START PROGRAMS OF L.A.U.S.D.
21 DISTRICT-WIDE COORDINATED SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM, AND
22 APPROXIMATELY 200 INTERAGENCY HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH
23 SCREENING AND TREATMENT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS WITH THE
24 L.A.U.S.D. HE HAS WORKED EXTENSIVELY WITH THE CITY, THIS
25 COUNTY, AND STATE OFFICIALS TO PROVIDE EXPERTISE, TECHNICAL



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1 SUPPORT AND TRAINING ON A NUMBER OF HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND
2 SOCIAL SERVICE PROJECTS, ALSO SERVING AS SECOND VICE CHAIR OF
3 THE INTERAGENCY OPERATIONS GROUP OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR A
4 PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS. JOHN HAS BEEN A TIRELESS ADVOCATE FOR
5 OUR NATION'S CHILDREN, PUSHING FOR LEGISLATION TO RESTRICT
6 MINORS' ACCESS TO UNREGULATED INHALANTS, TO REFORM SCHOOL
7 MEDICAID PROGRAMS, IMPROVE ORAL HEALTHCARE, INCREASE HEALTH
8 ACCESS, EXPAND USE OF HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, AND
9 SUPPORT SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS. IN ADDITION, HE CO-
10 FOUNDED LEONETTE, A NATIONAL HEALTH EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY
11 ORGANIZATION. ON TOP OF ALL OF THAT, ON A PERSONAL LEVEL IN
12 OUR PART OF THE COUNTY, WE WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH JOHN AND
13 HIS TEAM ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SUN VALLEY HEALTH CENTER AT
14 SUN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL, REALLY A PIONEERING EFFORT AND A
15 FLAGSHIP SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CLINIC THAT WE HAVE IN OUR
16 COUNTY. AND WE APPRECIATE THAT VERY MUCH. AND IT'S DOING WELL
17 AND WILL DO EVEN BETTER IN THE YEARS TO COME. SO WITH THAT,
18 AND FOR ALL OF THESE REASONS, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WANTED
19 TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, JOHN, TO HONOR YOU ON YOUR
20 RETIREMENT. I DON'T THINK YOU DESERVE TO RETIRE AT THIS YOUNG
21 AGE, BUT FORTUNATELY THE LAW PROTECTS YOU FROM US. AND YOU CAN
22 GO DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS
23 ANGELES COUNTY JOIN TOGETHER IN WISHING JOHN DICECCO A LIFE-
24 LONG HEALTHY RETIREMENT, COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR LIFE-LONG
25 DEDICATION, AND EXTEND OUR SINCERE WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND



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1 REWARDING RETIREMENT. SO THIS IS SIGNED BY ALL FIVE OF US. YOU
2 HAD AN INFLUENCE ON ALL PARTS OF OUR COUNTY. AND WE APPRECIATE
3 THE GREAT WORK YOU'VE DONE OVER THESE NEARLY THREE DECADES.
4 THANKS.

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6 **JOHN DICECCO:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **JOHN DICECCO:** WELL, I WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
9 PARTICULARLY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, GLORIA MOLINA FOR HER
10 EARLY PIONEERING WORK IN THIS AREA. AND I THINK WE HAVE IN LOS
11 ANGELES A LONG-STANDING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND THE
12 HEALTH SYSTEM. IT'S THAT PARTNERSHIP WHICH REALLY ENABLES US
13 TO CHANGE THE LIFE OF THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS IN
14 LOS ANGELES, ACTUALLY MILLIONS. AND I THINK WE WILL LOOK
15 FORWARD TO STRENGTHENING THAT PARTNERSHIP AND NEW PROJECTS ON
16 THE HORIZON, BECAUSE WE HAVE THE ABILITY IN THIS COUNTY TO BE
17 A SHOWCASE FOR THOSE WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN REACH FAMILIES AND
18 CHILDREN OF GREATEST NEED AND CHANGE LITERALLY THE LIFE COURSE
19 TRAJECTORY OF CHILDREN AND THEIR HEALTH STATUS. AND WE CAN DO
20 IT AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARDS THAT END. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** INTRODUCE YOUR FAMILY.

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24 **JOHN DICECCO:** I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE MY FAMILY. MY SISTER,
25 YVONNE DICECCO, WHO WORKS FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF



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1 EDUCATION AT THE DIAGNOSTIC CENTER HERE IN SOUTHERN
2 CALIFORNIA. MY DAUGHTER AND MY DAUGHTER'S FIANCE, DR. ALVAREZ,
3 WHO ARE VISITING FROM BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA. AND THEY WILL
4 BE RETURNING IN AUGUST AS HE STARTS HIS RESIDENCY PROGRAM IN
5 INTERNAL MEDICINE THERE. THANK YOU. (APPLAUSE).

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NOW, I'D LIKE TO INVITE THE
8 HONORABLE BOB PEIRCE TO JOIN ME UP HERE. MR. PEIRCE WAS THE
9 BRITISH CONSUL GENERAL HERE IN LOS ANGELES FROM JUNE 2005
10 UNTIL HE LEFT THE POST HERE LAST WEEK. HE BECAME A CAREER
11 DIPLOMAT IN 1977, WHEN HE JOINED THE BRITISH DIPLOMATIC
12 SERVICE. HE SERVED IN CHINA, HONG KONG BEFORE IT REVERTED TO
13 CHINA, AND AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK. HE CAME TO LOS
14 ANGELES FROM THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, WHERE HE WAS
15 COUNSEL FOR POLITICAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS. IN LOS ANGELES, HE
16 DOUBLED THE SIZE OF THE BRITISH CONSULATE'S TRADE AND
17 INVESTMENT TEAM, WHICH IS NOW THE LEADING TEAM IN THE NETWORK
18 OF BRITISH CONSULS HERE IN THE UNITED STATES. THE UNITED
19 KINGDOM IS THE LARGEST FOREIGN INVESTOR HERE IN CALIFORNIA. HE
20 ORGANIZED THE FIRST EVER VISIT TO CALIFORNIA BY A SITTING
21 BRITISH PRIME MINISTER, THE RIGHT HONORABLE TONY BLAIR, IN
22 2006, WHICH INCLUDED THE SIGNING OF A CLEAN ENERGY COOPERATION
23 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.K. AND CALIFORNIA, THE FIRST AGREEMENT
24 OF ITS KIND BETWEEN A COUNTRY AND A STATE. HE WAS ALSO
25 INSTRUMENTAL IN DEVELOPING CLOSER LAW ENFORCEMENT LINKS



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1 BETWEEN L.A. AND U.K., WORKING CLOSELY WITH OUR SHERIFF, LEE
2 BACA, AND SEVERAL POLICE CHIEFS. HE STARTED BRIT WEEK, WHICH
3 HAD ITS THIRD ANNUAL PROGRAM THIS PAST SPRING, WHICH RAISED
4 OVER A MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE MALARIA NO MORE CAMPAIGN. HIS
5 WIFE, SHARON, WHO IS UNABLE TO BE HERE TODAY, HAS ALSO BEEN
6 VERY ACTIVE IN LOCAL AFFAIRS. AMONG OTHER THINGS, SHE IS A
7 MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF L.A.'S BEST. BOB AND SHARON
8 ARE REMAINING HERE AS PRIVATE CITIZENS, AND BOB WILL CONTINUE
9 TO BE THE CHAIRMAN OF BRIT WEEK. SO ON BEHALF OF THE 10
10 MILLION PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS, WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME BOB AND SHARON PIERCE
12 AS RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
13 SERVICE. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **HONORABLE ROBERT NIGEL PEIRCE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CHAIRMAN
16 KNABE. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I
17 WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALSO CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, BILL
18 FUJIOKA. I'D LIKE TO THANK LOURDES SAAB AND ALL THE PROTOCOL
19 TEAM WHO HAVE HELPED ME TREMENDOUSLY IN MY TIME HERE IN LOS
20 ANGELES. YOU KNOW, AFTER 32 YEARS AS A DIPLOMAT, AND I HAVE
21 SERVED IN SOME OF THE GREATEST CITIES IN THE WORLD, LONDON,
22 OBVIOUSLY, NEW YORK, HONG KONG, WASHINGTON, I COULD NOT THINK
23 OF A BETTER PLACE TO END MY DIPLOMATIC CAREER. WE DIPLOMATS
24 USUALLY DEAL WITH WAR AND PEACE. WE DEAL WITH PROBABLY MORE
25 CHALLENGES THAN OPPORTUNITIES IN A TYPICAL CAREER. TO END MY



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1 CAREER IN LOS ANGELES, WHICH TO ME IS ALL ABOUT OPPORTUNITY,
2 IS AN ABSOLUTELY PERFECT, PERFECT WAY TO END. WE HAVE HAD
3 TREMENDOUS DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED
4 KINGDOM AND LOS ANGELES. THE COUNTY IS FULL OF INNOVATION IN
5 ACADEMIA, IN INDUSTRY, IN POLICY. IT'S ONE OF THE RICHEST
6 RELATIONSHIPS THAT THE U.K. NOW HAS. AND I'M DELIGHTED TO BE
7 STAYING HERE NOW AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN, AND HOPING TO
8 CONTRIBUTE MORE TO THAT. SO ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU TO THE
9 ENTIRE BOARD. THANK YOU TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE
10 BEST POSTING OF MY CAREER. [APPLAUSE.]

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO CALL UP DAVID
13 MUIR AND HIS WIFE, MARY BETH, AND DAUGHTER, LINDSAY. AND ALSO
14 JOINING US TODAY IS THE C.E.O. OF LACERA, GREG RADEMACHER.
15 GREG WILL JOIN US AS WELL, TOO. WE'RE HONORING DAVID TODAY FOR
16 A VERY DISTINGUISHED 28-YEAR CAREER WITH THE LOS ANGELES
17 COUNTY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION, BETTER KNOWN AS
18 LACERA, HAVING A MUCH BETTER MORNING THAN CALPERS, RIGHT,
19 DAVID? ALSO AS THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL. DAVID IS A
20 GRADUATE OF CAL STATE LOS ANGELES AND THE LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL.
21 HE BEGAN HIS CAREER IN COUNTY COUNCIL IN JANUARY OF 1975,
22 WHERE HE SERVED OVER FIVE YEARS. AFTER WORKING FOR THE PRIVATE
23 SECTOR FOR SEVERAL YEARS, HE RETURNED TO COUNTY COUNSEL IN
24 1986 AND SUBSEQUENTLY LAUNCHED THE LACERA LEGAL DIVISION WHERE
25 HE WAS NAMED THE FIRST CHIEF COUNSEL OF LACERA 1994. DURING



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1 HIS TENURE WITH LACERA, HE PROVIDED COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL
2 SERVICES WITH AN EMPHASIS ON FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES,
3 RETIREE BENEFITS, HEALTHCARE, STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION
4 AND SECURITIES LITIGATION. DAVID IS NOW RETIRING TO ALLOW HIM
5 AND MARY BETH, HIS WIFE OF OVER 40 YEARS, THE OPPORTUNITY TO
6 PURSUE THEIR PASSION OF TRAVELING TO AWE-INSPIRING
7 DESTINATIONS. I ASKED THEM EARLIER, AND I DON'T THINK -- WE
8 BETTER SAY IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR DAVID, YOU BETTER ASK
9 HIM TODAY BECAUSE I THINK HE'S GONE UNTIL LIKE DECEMBER. BUT,
10 ANYWAY, WE REALLY APPRECIATE HIS EFFORTS. AND AS A LEGEND OF
11 THE FOURTH DISTRICT IN PALOS VERDES, HE IS ALSO A GREAT
12 CITIZEN DOWN THERE. SO WE JUST WANT TO THANK HIM FOR HIS 28-
13 YEAR CAREER, PARTICULARLY FOR ALL HIS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF
14 LACERA AND ALL LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND FUTURE
15 EMPLOYEES. SO DAVID, WE WISH YOU THE VERY BEST. GOOD HEALTH,
16 GODSPEED AND A GREAT RETIREMENT. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **DAVID MUIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE, AND MEMBERS OF THE
19 BOARD. I'D LIKE TO PUBLICLY THANK MY WIFE FOR ALMOST 41 YEARS
20 OF SUPPORT AND LOVE. AND WITHOUT HER SUPPORT, I COULD NEVER
21 HAVE HAD THE CAREER THAT I HAVE HAD. AND ALSO WITH ME IS MY
22 DAUGHTER, LINDSAY, AND ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO THANK GREG
23 RADEMACHER, LACERA'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WHO CAME OVER
24 THIS MORNING TO HELP ME RECEIVE THIS AWARD. I WAS VERY HONORED
25 IN MAY OF 1994 TO BE APPOINTED LACERA'S FIRST CHIEF COUNSEL.



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1 AND THAT JUST HAS TURNED OUT TO BE A FANTASTIC JOB. I'VE HAD A
2 REALLY GREAT CAREER AT LACERA, A VERY SPECIAL PLACE TO WORK.
3 AND I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH MANY DEDICATED,
4 WONDERFUL TRUSTEES OF BOTH THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND THE
5 BOARD OF INVESTMENT, MANY OF WHICH WERE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD
6 OF SUPERVISORS. AND IT'S JUST BEEN A WONDERFUL CAREER. AND TO
7 TOP IT OFF WITH RECEIVING THIS SCROLL AND THE RECOGNITION THAT
8 GOES WITH IT IS -- HAS A LOT OF MEANING TO ME. NOT MANY PEOPLE
9 HAVE ONE OF THESE BEAUTIFUL SCROLLS. AND MARY BETH DOESN'T
10 KNOW IT YET, BUT I'M PLANNING ON MOUNTING IT OVER THE MANTLE
11 IN OUR LIVING ROOM. [LAUGHTER.] BUT IT IS SOMETHING THAT I
12 WILL CHERISH FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE. AND I JUST WANT TO THANK
13 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS RECOGNITION. I REALLY
14 APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, IT IS A PLEASURE TODAY
19 AS WE WELCOME TWO GREAT INTERNATIONAL ATHLETES, WELL
20 RECOGNIZED INDIVIDUALS. AND THE FIRST ONE IS THE TOP PLAYER
21 FOR L.A. SOUL, WHICH IS THE LOS ANGELES PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S
22 SOCCER TEAM, AND THAT'S HAN DUAN. HAN DUAN IS A SPECIAL PERSON
23 BECAUSE SHE COMES FROM DALIAN, IN LIAONING, IN CHINA, THE
24 HOMETOWN OF MY WIFE, HU A. LING, CHRISTINE, AND IS AN
25 INDIVIDUAL WHO IS RANKED SEVENTH IN THE WORLD. SHE, AS I SAID,



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1 COMES FROM DALIAN. THIS IS THE HOME OF THE DALIAN SLIDE, WHICH
2 IS ONE OF THE MOST STORIED IDEA CLUBS IN CHINA'S SUPER LEAGUE
3 SOCCER. AND THEY PLAY WITH NATIONAL HEROES LIKE JONG EN HWA
4 AND SUNG GI HI, AND DONG FON JO WERE BORN. SHE WAS BORN IN
5 DALIAN TO A FATHER WHO EMBRACED THIS BEAUTIFUL GAME OF SOCCER
6 AND WHO WAS HER MENTOR. AT A YOUNG AGE, IT WAS THE BOND
7 BETWEEN FATHER AND DAUGHTER THAT FORTIFIED HER KNOWLEDGE OF
8 THE BASIC SKILLS, THE DRIBBLING, THE PASSING AND THE SHOOTING.
9 HER COMING OUT PARTY WAS IN 1999, WHEN SHE DEBUTED WITH THE
10 DALIAN SLIDE, BECOMING ONE OF THE CLUBS MARQUEE PLAYERS OVER
11 THE COURSE OF A DECADE. AS WE HAVE BECKHAM IN WOMEN'S SOCCER,
12 WE HAVE HAN DUAN. A YEAR LATER, SHE MADE HER DEBUT FOR THE
13 NATIONAL TEAM, KNOWN TO THE WORLD AS THE STEEL ROSES IN
14 DECEMBER OF 2000. AND THROUGH HER ACHIEVEMENTS WITH THE STEEL
15 ROSES, SHE ETCHED HER LEGACY. A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL TEAM,
16 SHE WON THE ALGRAVE CUP IN 2002, THE A.F.C. WOMEN'S ASIAN CUP
17 IN 2006, THE WOMEN'S EAST ASIAN CUP IN 2008, TOP THREE
18 FINISHES AT THE 2002 AND 2006 ASIAN GAMES, AND QUARTERFINAL
19 APPEARANCES AT THE 2003 AND 2007 F.I.F.A. WOMEN'S WORLD CUPS.
20 SHE'S BEEN NOTHING SHORT OF MAGNIFICENT IN FINISHING. AT THE
21 2006 ASIAN GOALS IN DUHA, SHE LED ALL SCORES IN THE TOURNAMENT
22 WITH 7 GOALS, HER BEST INDIVIDUAL SCORING PERFORMANCE TO DATE.
23 SHE APPEARED WITH AND PLAYED WITH THE 2008 CHINA'S SOCCER TEAM
24 AT THE U.S. OLYMPICS, AT THE WORLD OLYMPICS, I SHOULD SAY,
25 THAT WAS HELD IN BEIJING, CHINA. IN 115 APPEARANCES, SHE HAS



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1 SCORED 65 GOALS WITH THE STEEL ROSES. SHE WAS THE FIRST PLAYER
2 FROM CHINA SINCE SUN WEN IN 2002 TO RANK AMONG THE TOP 10
3 PLAYERS IN THE WORLD. AS I SAID, SHE'S FINISHED SEVENTH IN THE
4 WORLD. AND AFTER SPENDING A DECADE IN DALIAN, SHE SIGNED WITH
5 THE LOS ANGELES SOUL, A.E.G.'S WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL TEAM THAT
6 IS THE COUNTERPART TO OUR GALAXY. IN 2009, SHE WAS THE THIRD
7 PICK IN THE WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL SOCCER INTERNATIONAL DRAFT.
8 THROUGHOUT HER LIFE, SHE HAS DEVOTED TO PROVEN WINNER, A
9 PROVEN SCORER AND A STUDENT OF HER GAME, A PERSON BLESSED WITH
10 CHARACTER THAT HAS BEEN PROVEN TO BE HER FOUNDATION FOR MANY
11 YEARS. SHE'S ALSO VERY PLEASED AND PROUD OF HER CHRISTIAN
12 RELIGION, AND SHE GOES ABOUT TALKING ABOUT CHRIST TO OTHERS.
13 IN FACT, EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE SOCCER TEAM WERE ALSO
14 CHRISTIANS. IN DALIAN, THEY JUST BUILT A BRAND NEW CHURCH FOR
15 3,000 PEOPLE THAT SHE ATTENDS. SO AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE
16 TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO WELCOME HAN DUAN TO LOS ANGELES
17 COUNTY. AND WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE LOS ANGELES SOULS. AND
18 THEY HAVE A BIG GAME THIS THURSDAY NIGHT, SO WE'RE ALL ROOTING
19 FOR YOU TO BE A WINNER ONCE AGAIN AS YOU ARE ON THE FIELD AND
20 OFF THE FIELD. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **HAN DUAN:** THANK YOU SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. I'M HONORED TO BE
23 HERE. I LOOK FORWARD TO REPRESENTING LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS
24 TEAM MEMBER OF L.A. SOUL SOCCER TEAM. MAY GOD LOVE YOU, AS HE
25 LOVES ME. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW OUR SECOND HONOREE WE'RE GOING TO BE

3 RECOGNIZING AT THIS TIME IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S TOP TENNIS

4 PLAYERS, AND THAT'S JACK KRAMER. AND I'M GOING TO GO DOWN WITH

5 THE HAND MICROPHONE TO INTRODUCE JACK. ONE OF JACK'S SONS, I

6 WAS HIS GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTOR AT UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL IN LOS

7 ANGELES MANY YEARS AGO. AND HIS AUNT WAS MY BROTHER'S MUSIC

8 INSTRUCTOR AT RUSSELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN SOUTH CENTRAL LOS

9 ANGELES ON FIRESTONE BOULEVARD MANY, MANY, MANY, MANY YEARS

10 AGO. SO AT THIS TIME I'M GOING TO COME DOWN. JACK KRAMER HAS

11 ENJOYED AN UNMATCHED AND DIVERSE PROFESSIONAL CAREER. HE'S A

12 LEGENDARY PLAYER, PROMOTER, INNOVATOR AND WORLD WAR II

13 VETERAN, AUTHOR AND TELEVISION COMMENTATOR. AT AGE 17, HE WAS

14 THE YOUNGEST EVER TO PLAY IN THE DAVIS CUP FINAL ROUND. FROM

15 1940 THROUGH 47 HE WAS RANKED IN THE U.S. TOP 10 FIVE TIMES

16 AND RANKED NO. 1 IN THE WORLD IN 1946 AND 1947, WHEN HE WON A

17 REMARKABLE 23 OUT OF 24 TOURNAMENTS. HE WAS THE WINNER OF 10

18 GRAND SLAM TITLES, 13 UNITED STATES SINGLES AND DOUBLE

19 CHAMPIONSHIPS. FROM 1979 THROUGH 1981, THE HISTORIC LOS

20 ANGELES L.A. TENNIS OPEN FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE SOUTHERN

21 CALIFORNIA TENNIS ASSOCIATION WAS THEN KNOWN AS THE JACK

22 KRAMER OPEN, THE ONLY TIME A WORLD TOUR EVENT WAS NAMED FOR A

23 PLAYER. FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS, HE SERVED AS THE EVENT'S

24 TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, OR REFEREE. IN 1954, AFTER BEING PROMOTED

25 AS THE POWER PLAYER OF THE CENTURY, HOLDING THE TITLE OF WORLD



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1 PROFESSIONAL TENNIS CHAMPION FOR SEVEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS,
2 KRAMER SWITCHED ROLES, BECOMING THEN A PROMOTER HIMSELF. AND
3 DURING HIS UNPARALLELED TENNIS CAREER, HE WON THE PRESTIGIOUS
4 SULLIVAN AWARD AND APPEARED ON THE COVERS OF "TIME" AND
5 "NEWSWEEK" MAGAZINES. AT THE MILLENNIUM, HE WAS SELECTED BY
6 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS AS ONE OF THE TOP 10 PLAYERS OF THE 20TH
7 CENTURY. WORLD-RENOWN TELEVISION COMMENTATOR, MORE PROMINENTLY
8 AT THE WIMBLEDON KNOW FOR B.B.C. IN 1968, AFTER A LIFETIME OF
9 UNQUALIFIED ACHIEVEMENT ON AND OFF THE TENNIS COURT, HE WAS
10 INDUCTED INTO THE INTERNATIONAL TENNIS HALL OF FAME. THE
11 WILSON TENNIS RACQUET THAT BORE HIS FABLED NAME HAS BEEN THE
12 ALL TIME BEST SELLING RACKET WITH MORE THAN 30 MILLION COPIES
13 SOLD WORLDWIDE OVER A SPAN OF SOME 50 YEARS. AND I SAID AT A
14 PREFERENCE CONFERENCE EARLIER THIS MORNING, HE'S OUTSOLD
15 MICHAEL JACKSON. [LAUGHTER.] A LIFETIME MEMBER OF THE
16 U.S.T.A., HE NOW SPENDS AS MUCH OF HIS TIME GIVING BACK TO THE
17 SPORT HE LOVES SO MUCH BY HELPING TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE
18 U.S.T.A. NATIONAL JUNIOR TENNIS LEAGUE PROGRAM IN SOUTHERN
19 CALIFORNIA, WHERE HE SERVES AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE PACIFIC
20 SOUTHWEST YOUTH TENNIS FOUNDATION. AGAIN, IN 2002, HE WAS
21 HONORED BY THE UNITED STATES TENNIS ASSOCIATION WHEN HE
22 RECEIVED THEIR MOST HIGHEST AWARD. AND AGAIN, BY THE
23 INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION, WHERE HE WAS THEIR MOST
24 PRESTIGIOUS HONOR OF THE PHILIPPE CHATRIER AWARD. HE'S BEEN
25 MARRIED FOR MORE THAN 60 YEARS TO HIS LATE WIFE, GLORIA. HE'S



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1 THE FATHER TO FIVE SONS. HE ENJOYS THE COMPANY OF HIS EIGHT
2 GRANDCHILDREN AND HE RESIDES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO LET ME
3 GO DOWN AND GIVE THIS TO JACK. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **JACK KRAMER:** MICHAEL AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
6 THIS COULDN'T COME AT A BETTER TIME THAN HAVING A "JACK KRAMER
7 DAY". AND IT'S WONDERFUL BECAUSE MY BOYS ARE HERE AND A LOT OF
8 MY GRANDCHILDREN ARE HERE. AND THEY DIDN'T KNOW GRANDPA DID
9 VERY MUCH. [LAUGHTER.] SO I APPRECIATE YOU EXPOSING SOME OF
10 THE THINGS THAT I ACCOMPLISHED IN THE OLD DAYS. THIS IS SUPER.
11 I APPRECIATE IT VERY, VERY MUCH. AND GOD BLESS YOU. AND ONE
12 THING I MUST SAY, IT'S WONDERFUL TO SEE OUR GOVERNMENT IN
13 ACTION. AND BOY, THAT'S WORTH THE TRIP ANY TIME. AND I HOPE
14 I'M WELCOME SOMETIME SOON. THANK YOU, MICHAEL. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE GOING TO WRAP UP WITH LITTLE BETSY, WHO
17 IS A CHIHUAHUA MIX. SHE'S ONLY EIGHT WEEKS OLD. SHE IS ALSO A
18 WINNER, A LITTLE WINNER. SHE DOES IT ON THE PAPER, SO SHE
19 PROVES SHE'S A WINNER, RIGHT? YEAH, YEAH. OKAY. SO YOU CAN
20 CALL 562-728-4644, OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE
21 TO ADOPT LITTLE BETSY, BETSY IS LOOKING FOR A HOME AND WOULD
22 LOVE TO ENJOY THE SUMMER WITH YOU. SEE ANYBODY OUT THERE?
23 OKAY, BETSY.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU ARE
2 FIRST ON SPECIALS, ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAVE A COUPLE OF ADJOURNING
5 MOTIONS. FIRST, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF SADIE
6 KAPLAN, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 106. ONE OF HER GREAT
7 LOVES IN LIFE WAS VISITING HER SON, SAM HALL KAPLAN, FORMER
8 REPORTER, THE ARCHITECTURAL CRITIC OF THE L.A. TIMES, AMONG
9 OTHER THINGS, AN URBAN ARCHITECTURE CRITIC AND WRITER, AND
10 LONGTIME RESIDENT AND CONSTITUENT OF OUR DISTRICT. BUT SHE
11 MADE HER OWN HOME AT A CO-OP APARTMENT IN FAR ROCKAWAY, NEW
12 YORK. SHE WAS ACTIVE IN HER LOCAL SENIOR CENTER, LIVED
13 INDEPENDENTLY UNTIL VERY RECENTLY, AND ALONG WITH 150 OTHER
14 SENIORS, PARTICIPATED IN A LONGEVITY STUDY CONDUCTED BY THE
15 INSTITUTE FOR AGING RESEARCH AT THE ALBERT EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF
16 MEDICINE IN NEW YORK CITY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON, SAM
17 HALL KAPLAN OF MALIBU, AND ASK THAT WE JOIN IN HER MEMORY.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO PROBLEM. ALSO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
22 MEMORY OF ROBERT KORDA, ROBERT ALAN KORDA, A FORMER LOS
23 ANGELES PHILHARMONIC VIOLINIST, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT
24 THE AGE OF 68 AT HIS GLENDALE HOME. HE BEGAN HIS 20-YEAR
25 CAREER AS A VIOLIST WITH THE PHIL IN 1960, RETIRING IN 1980.



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1 FRIENDS REMEMBERED HIM AS AN UPBEAT, DEDICATED MUSICIAN, WITH
2 A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR WHO LOVED PEOPLE AND LOVED HIS VIOLIN.
3 AFTER LEAVING THE PHILHARMONIC, HE CONTINUED WORKING AS A
4 FREELANCE MUSICIAN AND PLAYED WITH VARIOUS ORCHESTRAS AND
5 CHAMBER GROUPS. HE WAS THE LEADER OF MONSEIGNEUR STRINGS, A
6 GROUP OF STROLLING VIOLINISTS, FORMED BY HIS OLDER BROTHER,
7 THE LATE MURRAY KORDA. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON, NOAH, AND
8 OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND MANY FRIENDS. I ALSO HAVE AN
9 ADJOURNING MOTION FOR JULIUS SHULMAN, WHO PASSED AWAY OVER THE
10 LAST FEW DAYS. AND I'LL GET THE INFORMATION TO BOARD
11 SECRETARY. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS. MR. CHAIRMAN, I
12 WANT TO INTRODUCE A MOTION AND MAKE A FINDING THAT THE
13 INFORMATION CAME TO OUR ATTENTION AFTER THE POSTING OF THE
14 AGENDA. AND IT RELATES TO -- WELL, LAST NIGHT THE GOVERNOR AND
15 THE STATE LEGISLATIVE LEADERS REACHED AGREEMENT ON CLOSING A
16 \$26 BILLION STATE BUDGET DEFICIT. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THIS
17 BUDGET IS BALANCED ON THE BACKS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
18 ESPECIALLY CALIFORNIA'S COUNTIES. THIS INCLUDES A STATE
19 PROPOSAL TO TAKE APPROXIMATELY \$2 BILLION FROM LOCAL
20 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES AND POSSIBLY BILLIONS MORE IN ORDER TO
21 FILL ITS BUDGET GAP. MOREOVER, THE BUDGET DEAL PROPOSES TO
22 EXTEND THE LIFE OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES BY AS MUCH AS 40
23 YEARS WITHOUT MAKING THE LEGALLY REQUIRED FINDING OF BLIGHT.
24 EXTENDING REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITHOUT A FINDING OF BLIGHT
25 IS A FUNDAMENTAL VIOLATION OF LAW AND OF THE PRINCIPLES OF



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1 REDEVELOPMENT. UNDER THE LAW, COUNTIES AND CITIES ARE
2 PERMITTED TO USE THE TOOL OF REDEVELOPMENT IN ORDER TO
3 ELIMINATE BLIGHT BY CAPTURING THE PROPERTY TAX INCREMENT THAT
4 IS GENERATED IN PROJECT AREAS AS A RESULT OF REDEVELOPMENT
5 EFFORTS AND REINVESTING THEM IN THOSE SAME AREAS. HOWEVER, THE
6 CONSTITUTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT LAW PROVIDE THAT ONCE THE
7 COST OF CURING BLIGHT IN A PARTICULAR AREA IS PAID OFF, ABSENT
8 A NEW FINDING OF BLIGHT, THE TAX INCREMENT IS TO BE RETURNED
9 TO THE LOCAL TAXING JURISDICTIONS. IT IS THIS LEGAL COMPACT
10 THAT THE GOVERNOR AND THE STATE LEGISLATIVE LEADERS ARE
11 PROPOSING TO ABROGATE. THE COST OF THIS SCHEME TO LOS ANGELES
12 COUNTY GOVERNMENT ALONE OVER THE NEXT 30 YEARS COULD BE AS
13 HIGH AS \$24 BILLION, WITH THE NET PRESENT VALUE OF 8.2
14 BILLION. AND WE NOW HAVE FIGURES THAT SHOW THAT THE 40-YEAR
15 COST OF THIS IN NET PRESENT VALUE WOULD BE \$10 BILLION. IT
16 SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE EXTENSION SCHEME EVEN HURTS STATE
17 REVENUES BECAUSE IT BORROWS FROM FUTURE SCHOOL FUNDING
18 SOURCES, AS WELL. IN ADDITION, IT'S APPARENT THAT THE STATE
19 MAY BE PREPARING TO TAKE AS MUCH AS \$1.7 BILLION IN HIGHWAY
20 USER TAX ACCOUNT FUNDS OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS. THESE ARE
21 FUNDS ON WHICH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS DEPEND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
22 AND MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND HIGHWAYS WITHIN THEIR
23 JURISDICTIONS. THE TRANSFER OF H.U.T.A. FUNDS, THE
24 TRANSPORTATION FUNDS, WOULD COST LOS ANGELES COUNTY
25 APPROXIMATELY \$109 MILLION THIS YEAR AND \$82 MILLION NEXT



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1 YEAR. IT IS THE COUNTY'S OWN TAXPAYERS WHO HELPED GENERATE
2 THESE FUNDS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN THEIR
3 COMMUNITIES, AND THEY SHOULD NOT BE THE TARGET OF SUCH A
4 HEIST. FOR THE STATE TO BALANCE ITS BUDGET ON THE BACKS OF THE
5 STATE RESIDENTS MOST IN NEED OF HELP AND THE COUNTIES THAT
6 SERVE THEM, IT'S FISCALLY RECKLESS AND MORALLY BANKRUPT. STATE
7 SPENDING AND SIGNIFICANT TAX GIVE-AWAYS, AMONG OTHER THINGS,
8 HAVE BROUGHT US TO THIS PRECIPICE. TRANSFERRING LOCAL FUNDS
9 INTO THE STATE TREASURY DOES NOTHING TO ADDRESS THESE POLICY
10 FAILURES. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF COUNTIES THAT SERVE THE ELDERLY,
11 THE ILL, THE MENTALLY ILL, DISABLED, AND THE IMPOVERISHED IS
12 WRONG ON ITS FACE, AND IT IS ILLEGAL. THIS SCHEME IS ALL THE
13 MORE GALLING INASMUCH AS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE BEING PUNISHED
14 FOR HAVING DONE A FAR MORE RESPONSIBLE JOB IN MANAGING THEIR
15 FISCAL AFFAIRS THAN HAS THE STATE. SO SUPERVISOR KNABE AND I
16 ARE JOINING IN THIS MOTION, AND WE MOVE THAT THE COUNTY
17 COUNSEL BE DIRECTED TO FILE A LEGAL CHALLENGE TO ANY ACTION
18 THAT EXTENDS THE STATE'S REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITHOUT
19 MEETING ESTABLISHED CONSTITUTIONAL AND OTHER LEGAL
20 REQUIREMENTS. AND WE FURTHER MOVE THAT THE COUNTY COUNSEL BE
21 DIRECTED TO FILE A LEGAL CHALLENGE TO THE WITHHOLDING OF THE
22 HIGHWAY USER TAX ACCOUNT FUNDS FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT IF AND
23 WHEN THE FINAL BUDGET DEAL INCLUDES THE WITHHOLDING OF THESE
24 FUNDS AND IF IT DETERMINES THAT THERE ARE SUFFICIENT LEGAL
25 GROUNDS TO DO SO. AND WE FURTHER MOVE THAT THESE LEGAL FILINGS



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1 BE MADE IMMEDIATELY UPON THE APPROVAL OF THESE PROPOSALS BY
2 THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR. AND THAT'S THE URGENCY OF
3 THIS. WE DON'T WANT TO BE LATE IN FILING THIS ACTION. SO
4 THAT'S MY MOTION AND THE FINDINGS.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. YAROSLAVSKY. AND I'LL
7 SECOND THAT. THE ONLY COMMENT THAT I HAVE OBVIOUSLY IS THE
8 MOTION THAT WE PUT TOGETHER ADDRESSES MANY OF THE ISSUES. BUT
9 ANOTHER CONCERN INSIDE OF ALL THIS IS THE POTENTIAL ADOPTION
10 OF THE BUDGET WITH THESE PROVISIONS, BUT ALSO A POISON PILL OF
11 SOME SORT INSIDE THERE THAT WOULD TRIGGER THE PROVISIONS OF
12 PROP 1-A OR THE TAKING OF TRANSPORTATION FUNDS THAT BASICALLY
13 MAKES US LOOK LIKE THE BAD GUYS FOR PURSUING. SO WE'RE
14 WATCHING THIS VERY CLOSELY. OBVIOUSLY WE'RE NOT SURE OF THE
15 DETAILS YET. AND WHATEVER THE BIG 5 HAS COME UP WITH HAS TO GO
16 THROUGH BOTH HOUSES. SO WE WILL BE VERY VIGILANT IN THAT BUT
17 JUST WANT TO BE PREPARED. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE
18 CHAIR WILL SECOND. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** -- IS A PROBLEM TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE OPENLY. AND
21 I GUESS I'D LIKE SOME INFORMATION, BECAUSE I WANT TO
22 UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHAT THEY'RE DOING. NOTHING ANY OF US MAY
23 OR MAY NOT KNOW. I DON'T KNOW. BUT I GUESS THAT THEY ARE
24 WAITING FOR US TO FILE THIS LAWSUIT? I THINK IS THAT PART OF
25 THE GAME HERE?



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT I'VE HEARD, YES. BUT NOT UNTIL THEY
3 ADOPT IT, UNTIL THE GOVERNOR SIGNS IT. BUT, YES, I THINK
4 THAT'S WHY THE POISON PILL IS IN THERE.

5

6 **THOMAS TYRRELL, COUNSEL:** WE DON'T REALLY HAVE THE DETAILS YET
7 IN BLACK AND WHITE, BUT THE THINGS WE'VE HEARD ARE, YES, WE
8 WOULD -- THEY ANTICIPATE US FILING A LAWSUIT.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME UNDERSTAND. BECAUSE I'M NOT SURE I TOTALLY
11 UNDERSTAND THE SCHEME THAT'S GOING ON TO THEIR BENEFIT.
12 BECAUSE WHAT THEY WOULD DO IS THAT THEY WOULD LEGALLY PERMIT
13 THE PRESENT CITIES THAT HAVE THESE KINDS OF REDEVELOPMENT
14 ARRANGEMENTS, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE, M.O.U.S OR
15 ARRANGEMENTS, TO EXTEND THEIR PERIOD OF TIME IN WHICH THEY
16 CARRY OUT REDEVELOPMENT IN THE BLIGHTED AREAS, IS THAT
17 CORRECT?

18

19 **THOMAS TYRRELL, COUNSEL:** THAT'S CORRECT. THESE ARE CALLED
20 PLANS AND THEY ARE ENACTED INTO LAW BY A LOCAL CITY.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND FOR US, WHAT THAT DOES IS CONTINUES TO
23 WITHHOLD REVENUE FOR US.

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1 **THOMAS TYRRELL, COUNSEL:** VERY SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS THAT WOULD
2 OTHERWISE RETURN.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT. FOR THE NEXT SO MANY YEARS. DOES IT EXPAND
5 THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO INCLUDE OTHER PORTIONS OF THESE PLANS, TO
6 INCLUDE OTHER THAN NONBLIGHTED AREAS? AS MANY OF THE CITIES
7 ARE NOW TRYING TO FIND WAYS TO GO AROUND BLIGHT. I MEAN, SOME
8 OF THE CITIES HAVE INCLUDED THEIR ENTIRE CITY TO BE PART OF
9 THE PLAN SO THAT THEY WOULD HAVE A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME.

10

11 **THOMAS TYRRELL, COUNSEL:** NOT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE. THIS IS FOCUSED
12 ON EXISTING PROJECTS.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** JUST AN EXTENSION.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THE FINDING OF BLIGHT DOES NOT HAVE TO
17 BE MADE FOR THE EXTENSION IN THE EXISTING AREA.

18

19 **THOMAS TYRRELL, COUNSEL:** EXISTING LAW.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THAT THEY COULD HAVE REDEVELOPED THE ENTIRE
22 AREA AND STILL CONSIDER IT "MORE REDEVELOPMENT NEEDS TO BE
23 DONE" EVEN THOUGH IT MAY NOT BE BLIGHTED.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EXACTLY.



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2 **THOMAS TYRRELL, COUNSEL:** PRECISELY. THERE ARE MANY AREAS WHERE
3 THE BLIGHT IS CURED. AND THERE WOULD BE A REQUIREMENT IN
4 PRESENT LAW TO SHOW THAT THAT AREA WAS STILL BLIGHTED IN ORDER
5 TO EXTEND THE TIME. SO THIS IS WHAT THE LEGISLATURE PROPOSES
6 TO OVERRIDE.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IN THAT SCENARIO, HELP ME UNDERSTAND WHAT THE
9 STATE GETS TO HELP THIS DEFICIT.

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11 **THOMAS TYRRELL, COUNSEL:** WE DON'T, AGAIN, HAVE IT IN BLACK AND
12 WHITE, BUT THE ASSUMPTION IS THAT THE AGENCY WHICH CHOOSES TO
13 EXTEND ITS PROJECT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO TYPICALLY BOND AGAINST
14 THAT RIGHT AND TURN OVER SOME AMOUNT OF MONEY TO THE STATE,
15 WHETHER IN A LUMP SUM OR THROUGH PROGRESS PAYMENTS OVER A
16 PERIOD OF YEARS. SO, IN EFFECT, TO SHARE THE ADDITIONAL
17 REVENUES THAT THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO
18 DIVERT FROM CITIES, COUNTIES AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO, THEN, IS THIS A VOLUNTARY KIND OF THING THAT
21 C.R.A.S COULD DO? AND THAT IS BOND ADDITIONAL FUTURE YEARS?
22 AND THEN WHAT THEY WOULD DO IS TAKE THAT MONEY AND GIVE IT TO
23 THE STATE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THIS EXTENSION? IS THAT
24 THE TRADE?

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1 **THOMAS TYRRELL, COUNSEL:** THAT'S OUR ASSUMPTION THAT THAT WILL
2 BE PART OF THE DEAL. THAT IS WHAT WE EXPECT. WE HAVEN'T
3 ACTUALLY SEEN THE DETAILS.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO WHEN WE FILE THIS POTENTIAL SUIT, WHICH I
6 AGREE WE SHOULD, IS IT BASED ON WHAT ASPECT? OF THE CURRENT
7 C.R.A. LAW THAT YOU MUST HAVE A BLIGHTED AREA? THAT THESE
8 PLANS NEED TO BE APPROVED "BY THE COUNTY"? ARE THEY TOSSING
9 OUT ALL ASPECTS OF REDEVELOPMENT LAWS, IS THAT WHAT THEY'RE
10 DOING?

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12 **THOMAS TYRRELL, COUNSEL:** THERE ARE TWO ASPECTS. WE BELIEVE
13 THAT THIS IS INCONSISTENT WITH A CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION
14 WHICH AUTHORIZES REDEVELOPMENT IN THE FIRST PLACE, WHICH
15 DECLARES THAT WHEN YOU HAVE PAID OFF THE COST OF CURING
16 BLIGHT, THE FUNDS THAT WERE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE RETURN TO
17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT. THAT'S A PRINCIPLE THAT'S ALREADY BEEN IN
18 LITIGATION AND SUCCESSFULLY LITIGATED AT THE TRIAL LEVEL BY
19 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES LAST YEAR. SECONDLY, WE BELIEVE THAT
20 THESE EXTENSIONS ARE A CLEAR VIOLATION OF PROPOSITION 1-A, THE
21 PROTECTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES ACT. SO WE THINK THAT
22 THERE ARE TWO FAIRLY STRONG CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES THAT THE
23 LEGISLATURE CANNOT OVERRIDE BY THIS SCHEME.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND IN THE PRESENT PROPOSAL, AND I'M NOT SURE OF
2 ALL THE DETAILS OF THE PRESENT PROPOSAL, DOES IT ALSO INCLUDE
3 RIGHT NOW A BORROWING AGAINST 1-A, WHICH IS PERMITTED? IT DOES
4 NOT?

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6 **THOMAS TYRRELL, COUNSEL:** I DON'T HAVE THAT DETAIL. I'M SORRY.
7 I TAKE THAT BACK. AS WE UNDERSTAND THIS STRUCTURE --

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE THEY'RE PERMITTED TO BORROW, CORRECT?

10

11 **THOMAS TYRRELL, COUNSEL:** PROP 1-A CONTAINS A PERMITTED
12 BORROWING. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT
13 SHOULD HAPPEN TO CHALLENGE THIS SCHEME SUCCESSFULLY, IT WOULD
14 THEN TRIGGER A PROPOSITION 1-A BORROWING.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S THE POISON PILL I'M TALKING
17 ABOUT.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. SO THEN THIS IS JUST A
20 TAKING.

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22 **THOMAS TYRRELL, COUNSEL:** IT'S A COVER FOR --

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND MAKE US LOOK LIKE THE BAD GUYS. BY
25 SUING, IT TRIGGERS THE TAKING OF PROP 1-A AND THE H.U.T.A.



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1 FUNDS, AND WE'RE IN ESSENCE, BECAUSE WE SUED, THEN THEY CAN
2 SAY -- THE COUNTY, NOT JUST BE US, WE WON'T BE THE ONLY COUNTY
3 THAT SUES, BUT "THE COUNTIES DID THIS." IT'S THEIR COVER SO
4 THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUE.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE'S SOME LEGISLATORS, GLORIA, IF I CAN
7 JUST INTERJECT, THERE ARE SOME LEGISLATORS WHO DON'T WANT TO
8 BE RECORDED AS HAVING VOTED TO TAKE LOCAL FUNDS USING PROP A,
9 AND THIS IS THE SCHEME THEY HAVE DEVISED. THEY KNOW THEY'RE
10 GOING TO GET CHALLENGED. THEY KNOW THEY'RE GOING TO LOSE. AND
11 SO THEY TIED THIS POISON PILL, THAT IF THEY DO LOSE THE
12 LAWSUIT ON THE REDEVELOPMENT, IT TRIGGERS THE PROP 1-A
13 BORROWING. AND SOME OF THE LEGISLATORS WHO DON'T WANT TO BE
14 RECORDED AS VOTING FOR IT CAN SAY "WE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH
15 IT." ABSOLUTELY.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT TRIGGERS A BORROWING MECHANISM FROM 1-A, OR
18 TAKING?

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20 **THOMAS TYRRELL, COUNSEL:** BORROWING. THEY MUST REPAY THOSE
21 FUNDS EVENTUALLY TO COUNTIES.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IS THAT CONDITIONED IN THIS PROPOSAL, DO YOU
24 THINK?

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES, THAT'S OUR UNDERSTANDING. AND I WAS ON
2 THE PHONE UNTIL MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT WITH FOLKS WHO WERE
3 KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT WHAT THIS PACKAGE IS. AND THE TRIGGER
4 LANGUAGE IS ANTICIPATED TO BE IN THERE.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND IN THIS PROCESS, RIGHT NOW, THERE ARE CERTAIN
7 PEOPLE THAT GET MADE WHOLE, RIGHT? IS IT JUST THE SCHOOLS?
8 THERE ARE OTHER AREAS THAT WILL BE HURT BY IT BESIDE THE
9 COUNTY, RIGHT?

10

11 **THOMAS TYRRELL, COUNSEL:** CORRECT. CERTAIN SPECIAL DISTRICTS.
12 IT'S PRINCIPALLY COUNTIES, STRICTLY SPEAKING, LOCAL CITIES
13 WILL SEE DIMINISHED DOLLARS. BUT OF COURSE THOSE ARE TYPICALLY
14 THE SPONSORS OF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES, SO THERE'S A BENEFIT
15 THAT THEY MAY TIE UP THEIR FUNDS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE USED
16 FOR MAINTENANCE IN CAPITAL PROJECTS. SO IT'S A COMPLICATED
17 COST- BENEFIT FOR CITIES.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BUT THE EXTENSION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT
20 AGENCY ALSO WOULD BE A TAKING FROM SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

21

22 **THOMAS TYRRELL, COUNSEL:** IT WOULD.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT WOULDN'T BE EXEMPTED.

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1 **THOMAS TYRRELL, COUNSEL:** ON THE CONTRARY. IT WOULD BE A
2 SIGNIFICANT LOSS TO STATE FUNDING OVER THE -- IN THE FUTURE
3 YEARS, WHEN THIS SCHOOL FUNDING WOULD OTHERWISE BE RESTORED.
4 SO, YES, LOCAL SCHOOL FUNDING WILL BE PREJUDICED.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND, BEING A POLITICIAN
7 MYSELF, IS I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE POLITICAL VALUE TO ANYBODY
8 TO VOTE FOR SOMETHING THAT MAKES NO SENSE, THAT HAS A LARGER
9 IMPACT IN THE LONG RUN THAN THE SIMPLE BORROWING MECHANISM
10 THAT'S AVAILABLE TO THEM. SO THAT'S THE PART THAT I DON'T -- I
11 THOUGHT THAT THIS WAS IN ADDITION TO A BORROWING MECHANISM. IN
12 OTHER WORDS, SO MUCH OF THE BUDGET WAS GOING TO BE CONTAINED
13 ON BORROWING SO MUCH FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT. BUT WHAT YOU'RE
14 SAYING -- AND I WANT TO UNDERSTAND THIS CORRECTLY. SO RIGHT
15 NOW, THE POTENTIAL SOLUTION DOES NOT INCLUDE A BORROWING? IT
16 DOES?

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. JUST A TAKING. NOT A BORROWING.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THAT'S WHAT THEY SUBSTITUTED FOR THIS. THANK
21 YOU.

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** BUT ONCE WE FILE THE LAWSUIT AND WE'RE
24 SUCCESSFUL, THEN IT WILL SWITCH TO THE BORROWING.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. AND WHY NOT JUST DO IT CLEANER? I
2 DON'T UNDERSTAND THE GAME THAT IS GOING ON AND WHAT VALUE THAT
3 HAS TO ANY POLITICIAN. ONE OF THE PROBLEMS -- AND I HAVE ONE
4 OF THE CITIES THAT CREATED REDEVELOPMENT LAWS, CITY OF
5 INDUSTRY. AND AS WE ALL KNOW, THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF
6 UTILIZING THE WHOLE CITY AS A REDEVELOPMENT ZONE. AND THEY
7 HAVE NOT WANTED TO FOLLOW THE RULES FOR THE LONGEST PERIOD OF
8 TIME, UNFORTUNATELY. AND I JUST THINK THAT THIS IS -- IT'S BAD
9 ENOUGH THAT WE'RE NOT GETTING THINGS DONE IN SACRAMENTO. BUT
10 WHEN YOU UNDERTAKE KIND OF CORRUPT MECHANISMS LIKE THIS, IT
11 REALLY UNDERMINES IT ALL. AND IT PUTS US -- INSTEAD OF
12 BORROWING WOULD HAVE BEEN A SENSIBLE SOLUTION. I MEAN WE WOULD
13 HAVE HAD TO DEAL WITH IT. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN TOUGH FOR US. AND
14 WE ARE PROBABLY IN THE END OF THE DAY GOING TO GO THERE. BUT
15 WHY GO THROUGH THIS KIND OF MECHANISM? IT DOESN'T PROVIDE ANY
16 KIND OF POLITICAL COVER FOR ANYBODY THAT I COULD POSSIBLY
17 UNDERSTAND OTHER THAN FEEDING INTO A SYSTEM THAT CAN BE VERY,
18 VERY CORRUPTING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, FOR CITIES. I MEAN, SOME
19 OF THESE CITIES UNDERTAKE UNBELIEVABLE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
20 THAT THEY CAN'T AFFORD IN THE FUTURE THAT DON'T MAKE THE MONEY
21 THAT THEY THINK ARE GOING TO MAKE, THAT DON'T EVEN REMOVE THE
22 BLIGHT THAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO, THEY CREATE MORE BLIGHT ALONG
23 THE WAY. THEN I THINK THAT THAT, IF NOTHING ELSE,
24 REDEVELOPMENT LAWS SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED IN MANY AREAS
25 INSTEAD OF LOOSENED UP LIKE THIS. I THINK YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT



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1 A REAL DISADVANTAGE IN THE LONG RUN SHOULD THE COURTS PERMIT
2 THIS TO HAPPEN. WELL, I THINK IT'S AN UNFORTUNATE SITUATION
3 THAT WE'RE IN. BUT YOU THINK THEY'D BE MAKING BETTER DECISIONS
4 THAN THIS.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THEY WERE HOPING THAT WE DIDN'T
7 DISCOVER THE POISON PILL UNTIL AFTERWARDS, UNTIL THE
8 LEGISLATION WAS SIGNED AND THE BUDGET WAS ADOPTED AND SIGNED
9 BY THE GOVERNOR. AND OBVIOUSLY THIS DISCUSSION AHEAD OF TIME,
10 I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU. YOU THOUGHT THAT THEY'D BE A LITTLE
11 MORE UP FRONT ON HOW THEY'RE GOING TO DEAL WITH IT, BECAUSE WE
12 ALL KNOW THAT THEY'RE IN A STATE OF DISARRAY UP THERE. BUT
13 THEY'RE HURTING, AS WELL, TOO. AND WE'VE SAID FROM THE VERY
14 BEGINNING WE DON'T MIND BEING A PARTNER, BUT LOOK AT THINGS
15 LEGITIMATELY. MAYBE THERE'S THINGS THEY CAN PASS THROUGH THAT
16 WE CAN DO DIRECTLY AND CUT BACK ON THE SIZE AND SCOPE AND COST
17 OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE CITY OF INDUSTRY IS BEHIND PART OF
20 THIS EXTENSION IS A CITY OF INDUSTRY PROPOSAL. I THINK WE ALL
21 KNOW.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE THEY COULD DO. THE CITY OF
24 INDUSTRY IS ALREADY GOING TO BE PROVIDING ALL THE ROADWAY



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1 IMPROVEMENTS, ALL THE THINGS, POTENTIALLY, FOR THE STADIUM. I
2 MEAN, OTHER THAN OUT-AND-OUT FINANCING IT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, THIS
5 HAS GONE WAY BEYOND WHAT THE CITY OF INDUSTRY WANTED.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, IS THAT WHAT HAPPENED?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. IT'S WAY BEYOND WHAT THE CITY OF
10 INDUSTRY -- THEY WERE JUST LOOKING FOR STRICTLY AN EXTENSION
11 OF THE TIME.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** SOMETHING SIMPLE.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY GOT MORE THAN THEY BARGAINED FOR.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** QUESTION, MR. FUJIOKA? HOW DOES THIS IMPACT
20 THE FIRE DISTRICTS' FUNDS? BECAUSE THEIR FUNDING IS FROM A
21 SPECIAL DISTRICT.

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT WILL HAVE A DEFINITE IMPACT ON OUR FIRE
24 DISTRICTS TO THE EXTENT WE DON'T HAVE THAT DETAIL RIGHT NOW.
25 ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES WITH WHAT'S BEEN APPROVED BY THE



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1 GOVERNOR OF THE BIG FIVE IS THAT THE INFORMATION HAS BEEN
2 ESSENTIALLY EMBARGOED. AND SO UNTIL WE GET THE DETAIL FROM
3 SACRAMENTO -- BECAUSE I DON'T BELIEVE SOME OF THE LEGISLATORS
4 UP THERE EVEN HAVE THIS DETAIL.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THEY HAVEN'T SEEN IT. THEY HAVEN'T SEEN
7 IT UNTIL THIS MORNING.

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AND WE'VE BEEN TRYING EVERY POSSIBLE RESOURCE
10 WE HAVE TO GET THE INFORMATION. BUT LIKE I SAID, IT HAS BEEN
11 EMBARGOED. BUT GIVEN THAT OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT LIVES ON
12 PROPERTY TAXES, IT'S HIGHLY LIKELY THERE WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT
13 IMPACT.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BUT I HEARD YESTERDAY, FROM SOME FOLKS
16 THAT HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT UP THERE, THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING THE
17 HALLS, THAT THE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MAY GET A LITTLE BIT
18 BETTER DEAL THAN THE REST OF US. SO WE'LL SEE.

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE STILL NEED THAT DETAIL.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS OUR TIMELINE TO ALLOW THOSE IMPACTED
23 BY THEIR DECISIONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ THE LEGISLATION
24 PRIOR TO THE VOTE?

25



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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE THINK INFORMATION WILL COME OUT, IF NOT
2 LATE TODAY, EARLY TOMORROW. THE VOTE IS SCHEDULED FOR AT
3 LEAST, TO THE EXTENT WE KNOW, SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY. AND SO
4 OUR STAFF IN SACRAMENTO AND STAFF HERE -- AND I'M SURE FROM
5 YOUR RESPECTIVE OFFICES, WE'RE CALLING EVERY CONTACT WE HAVE
6 TO GET INFORMATION. AND WE'VE BEEN CALLING CONSTANTLY
7 THROUGHOUT TODAY. AND THEN HOPEFULLY WE'LL GET SOMETHING BY
8 TONIGHT. VERY FRUSTRATING, THOUGH. THERE ARE OTHER ASPECTS OF
9 THE BUDGET THAT HAVE EQUALLY STRONG IMPACTS TO US, THOUGH. AND
10 WHEN WE GET TO THAT ITEM, I'LL TALK ABOUT IT.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DO THINK THOUGH, THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH
13 INFORMATION, BASED ON WHAT WE'VE HEARD THROUGH THIS MORNING,
14 THAT THE REDEVELOPMENT PIECE AND THE EXTENSION TO 40 YEARS AND
15 THE TRIGGER LANGUAGE IS PART OF THE PACKAGE.

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES. YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO I MOVE IT.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
22 THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PICK UP ITEM NO. 4, MR. ANTONOVICH'S MOTION
25 WITH ME.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, THE MOTION THAT I HAD
3 INTRODUCED RELATIVE TO THE PENDING L.A. OPERA PRESENTATION.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. THIS IS ON --.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OH. ITEM 4. THE PROPOSAL THAT WE HAVE BEFORE
8 US TODAY IS RELATIVE TO DISINVESTING RETIREMENT FUNDS THAT WE
9 CURRENTLY HAVE IN BUSINESSES THAT ARE DOING BUSINESS WITH
10 IRAN, WHICH IS ONE OF THE COUNTRIES THAT'S INVOLVED IN
11 EXPLORING OR I SHOULD SAY EXPANDING NUCLEAR THREATS AGAINST
12 WORLDS, COUNTRIES, IS TO PENALIZE THOSE BUSINESSES THAT ARE
13 INVOLVED WITH THEIR MULTIBILLION DOLLARS RETIREMENT FUNDS FROM
14 MAKING A PROFIT FROM THOSE COUNTRIES THAT ARE ATTEMPTING TO
15 UNDERMINE OUR DEMOCRATIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND THE FREE
16 COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. MANY OTHER MUNICIPALITIES AND STATES
17 ARE NOW DISINVESTING FROM BUSINESSES THAT HAVE DONE BUSINESS
18 WITH IRAN, AND THIS WOULD JOIN IN THAT EFFORT. WE HAVE,
19 LOCALLY, SOME BUSINESSES THAT WE'RE ASKING THE LOS ANGELES
20 COUNTY RETIREMENT BOARD TO REVIEW. AND THIS IS A MOTION THAT
21 SUPERVISORS YAROSLAVSKY AND I HAD COAUTHORED, TO DISINVEST
22 FROM IRAN'S COUNTRIES' BUSINESSES THAT ARE INVOLVED WITH THEIR
23 OIL AND NATURAL GAS SECTOR, COMPANIES THAT ARE LIABLE TO U.S.
24 GOVERNMENT SANCTIONS BY VIRTUE OF THEIR INVESTMENTS IN THE
25 IRANIAN ENERGY SECTOR. AND SINCE 1986, THE UNITED STATES HAS



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1 BARRED U.S. COMPANIES FROM INVESTING DIRECTLY IN IRAN AND
2 ATTEMPTED TO RESTRICT THAT COUNTRY'S ABILITY TO CONDUCT
3 INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS. UNDER THE IRAN SANCTIONS
4 ACT OF 1996, FOREIGN COMPANIES THAT HAVE INVESTED MORE THAN
5 \$20 MILLION IN IRAN'S OIL AND NATURAL GAS SECTOR IN ANY YEAR
6 SINCE 1996 MAY BE SANCTIONED BY OUR GOVERNMENT. IN 2001, THE
7 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION DETERMINED THAT COMPANIES
8 WITH BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN TERROR-SPONSORING STATES SUCH AS
9 IRAN ARE EXPOSED TO A SPECIAL CATEGORY OF RISK KNOWN AS GLOBAL
10 SECURITY RISK, A COMBINATION OF RISK TO BOTH SHARE VALUE AND
11 CORPORATE REPUTATION. PENDING ECONOMIC SANCTIONS, WARNINGS OF
12 GREAT RISKS, CREDIT RESTRICTIONS, AND OTHER MEASURES ANNOUNCED
13 BY THE UNITED STATES, EUROPEAN NATIONS AND THE UNITED NATIONS
14 MAKE DOING BUSINESS IN IRAN'S OIL AND NATURAL GAS SECTOR AN
15 INCREASINGLY RISKY PROSPECT. FOR THE 20 OR FEWER COMPANIES
16 THAT MEET THE STANDARD FOR THESE SANCTIONS, CONTINUED
17 INVOLVEMENT IN IRAN IS A VERY RISKY BUSINESS, INDEED. LACERA
18 MAY HAVE INVESTMENTS IN THOSE FEW FOREIGN COMPANIES, THUS
19 POSING A FINANCIAL RISK TO THE THOUSANDS OF CIVIL SERVANTS AND
20 RETIREES WHO DEPEND ON THE SUCCESS OF LACERA'S INVESTMENT
21 POLICIES. IRAN HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY IDENTIFIED BY OUR STATE
22 DEPARTMENT AS THE CHIEF STATE SPONSOR OF INTERNATIONAL
23 TERRORISM. THEY CONTINUE TO DEFY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
24 BY MOVING WITH ITS NUCLEAR PROGRAM DESPITE THREE UNANIMOUS
25 RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE UNITED NATIONS. SOME EUROPEAN UNION



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1 COUNTRIES HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO DISCOURAGE INVESTMENT. THE
2 ONGOING CAMPAIGN OF INTERNATIONAL ISOLATION HAS TAKEN ITS TOLL
3 ON THE IRANIAN ECONOMY TODAY. INADEQUATE FOREIGN INVESTMENT,
4 DECLINING OIL PRODUCTION, AND RAISING DOMESTIC ENERGY
5 CONSUMPTION AND HIGH INFLATION HAVE CREATED A SITUATION OF
6 DOMESTIC ECONOMIC INSTABILITY AND POLITICAL DISCHORD. A
7 MOVEMENT TO DIVEST FROM THESE COMPANIES THAT ARE SIGNIFICANTLY
8 INVESTED IN THE IRANIAN ENERGY SECTOR AND THUS SUBJECT TO OUR
9 GOVERNMENT SANCTIONS IS UNDERWAY AMONG PENSION SYSTEMS SERVING
10 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. TO DATE, 19 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF
11 COLUMBIA HAVE EITHER PASSED LAWS OR ADOPTED POLICIES REQUIRING
12 SUCH DISINVESTMENT, INCLUDING NEW YORK, OHIO, TEXAS, FLORIDA,
13 GEORGIA, ILLINOIS, CALIFORNIA AND MANY MORE. IN CALIFORNIA,
14 THE STATE LAW REQUIRES BOTH THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT
15 SYSTEM AND THE STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO DIVEST
16 FROM COMPANIES SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS DUE TO THEIR INVESTMENTS
17 IN IRAN.

18
19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WILL JUST BE BRIEF. I THINK
20 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH COVERED IT QUITE WELL. I JUST WANT TO
21 EMPHASIZE THE POINT FROM OUR RETIREMENT SYSTEMS POINT OF VIEW
22 THAT THE LINCHPIN OF THIS MOTION IN OUR REQUEST OF LACERA, THE
23 L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, IS THAT THE IRAN
24 SANCTIONS ACT OF 1996 STIPULATES THAT FOREIGN COMPANIES THAT
25 HAVE INVESTED MORE THAN \$20 MILLION IN THE OIL AND NATURAL GAS



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1 SECTOR IN IRAN IN ANY YEAR SINCE 1996 MAY BE SANCTIONED BY THE
2 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. THE GUTS OF OUR MOTION IS, AND OUR
3 REQUEST IS, THAT ANY COMPANY IN WHICH OUR RETIREMENT SYSTEM IS
4 INVESTED THAT STANDS A PROBABILITY OR A POSSIBILITY OF BEING
5 SANCTIONED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS A BAD INVESTMENT
6 RISK FOR OUR RETIREMENT SYSTEM. SO IT IS QUITE NARROWLY
7 FOCUSED ON THIS AREA, BUT IT'S AN IMPORTANT AREA. AND IT'S NOT
8 ONLY IMPORTANT TO USE OUR LEVERAGE IN TERMS OF THE BROADER
9 POLICY ISSUE, BUT IT'S ALSO AN ISSUE, FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW,
10 OF PROTECTING THE FINANCIAL INTEGRITY OF OUR INVESTMENTS, OF
11 OUR RETIREMENT SYSTEMS' INVESTMENTS. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.
12 I TOTALLY SUPPORT THE MOTION.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE A NUMBER OF FOLKS THAT HAVE
15 SIGNED UP ON THIS. AT THE CHAIR'S DISCRETION, I'M GOING TO
16 ALLOW EACH SPEAKER ONE MINUTE. MOST OF THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE
17 SIGNED UP ARE IN FAVOR. I WILL CALL YOU THREE OR FOUR AT A
18 TIME. AND AS YOU'RE FINISHED WITH YOUR TESTIMONY, IF YOU COULD
19 RETURN TO YOUR SEAT. AND I WILL ASK OTHERS TO JOIN US. FIRST
20 OF ALL, ARNOLD SACHS, BRIAN DRAWER, JOEY FREEMAN, DAVID
21 PAYMAN. YOU BE THE FIRST FOUR SPEAKERS TO COME FORWARD,
22 PLEASE? OKAY, IF YOU WOULD IDENTIFY YOURSELF. BECAUSE THERE
23 ARE ONLY TWO OF YOU, I CALLED FOUR, I'M GOING TO ASK TWO MORE
24 TO JOIN YOU. YOU, SIR?

25



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1 **BRIAN DRAWER:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS BRIAN DRAWER.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BRIAN, EXCUSE ME. AND YOU ARE?

4

5 **JOEY FREEMAN:** I'M JOEY FREEMAN.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** JOEY FREEMAN. I'M GOING TO ASK DINA
8 BLISHE TO JOIN US AND DONNA BENDER. GO AHEAD.

9

10 **BRIAN DRAWER:** SUPERVISORS, THIS IS MY FIRST TIME HERE AND I
11 MUST TELL YOU IT'S A VERY IMPRESSIVE ROOM, SO I APOLOGIZE IF I
12 STUTTER OR LOSE FOCUS FOR A MOMENT. FIRST AND FOREMOST, I'D
13 LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU DO FOR OUR
14 COUNTY. I'M BORN AND RAISED IN LOS ANGELES. VERY BIG FAN OF
15 LOS ANGELES. WOULD NEVER LIVE ANYWHERE BUT LOS ANGELES. I
16 RECENTLY WAS QUOTED IN A NEWSPAPER AS CALLING THE IRAN ISSUE A
17 WORLDWIDE ISSUE. I FEEL THAT THIS THREATENS DEMOCRACY
18 EVERYWHERE. ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO PUT OUR STAMP ON DISAPPROVAL
19 OF IRANIAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS IS OBVIOUSLY SOMETHING VERY
20 IMPORTANT. THIS IS NOT A MIDDLE EASTERN ISSUE BY ITSELF. IT'S
21 A WORLDWIDE ISSUE. AND I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO
22 TAKE A STAND AND DO WHAT WE CAN. AND I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
23 TAKING THE INITIATIVE, AND I WANT TO JUST APPLAUD YOU GUYS,
24 THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, BRIAN. JOEY?

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3 **JOEY FREEMAN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT
4 THIS MOTION PUT FORTH BY SUPERVISORS ANTONOVICH AND
5 YAROSLAVSKY. IT'S BEEN SAID BEFORE THAT THE GRAVE THREAT THAT
6 IRAN POSES, NOT ONLY TO THE MIDDLE EAST, BUT THE UNITED STATES
7 OF AMERICA AS WELL. AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE STATE
8 OF CALIFORNIA TOOK THE ACTION OF DIVESTING THEIR PENSIONS FROM
9 THESE COMPANIES THAT INVESTMENTS IN THE IRANIAN ENERGY SECTOR.
10 AND TODAY, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GREAT COUNTY OF LOS
11 ANGELES TO FOLLOW SUIT. SO I'M HERE AS A STUDENT, A RECENT
12 GRADUATE OF MILLIKEN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL IN SUPERVISOR
13 YAROSLAVSKY'S DISTRICT AND AN INCOMING STUDENT AT U.C.
14 BERKELEY, TO STAND ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENTS TO TELL YOU HOW
15 VITALLY IMPORTANT THIS MEASURE IS AND TO THANK YOU AND URGE
16 YOUR SUPPORT TODAY.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I'D ASK JASMINE NIKU TO JOIN
19 US AND PAMELA KOHANCHI. I MAY HAVE MISPRONOUNCED THAT, I
20 APOLOGIZE. OKAY, GO AHEAD, WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK FIRST.

21

22 **DONNA BENDER:** HELLO, I'M DONNA BENDER. I'M A RESIDENT OF
23 ENCINO, CALIFORNIA, AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF VALLEY BETH SHALOM
24 SYNAGOGUE. IRAN HAS BEEN KNOWN AS A REPRESSIVE REGIME THAT HAS
25 BRUTALIZED ITS OWN PEOPLE, THREATENED ITS NEIGHBORS AND HAS



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1 BEEN VIGOROUSLY PURSUING A NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM. AS
2 MENTIONED, 19 U.S. STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HAVE
3 ENACTED DIVESTMENT LEGISLATION. MUNICIPALITIES ARE ALSO
4 JOINING THESE EFFORTS. AND JUST YESTERDAY, THE CITY OF NEW
5 YORK ANNOUNCED IT WILL DIVEST IN COMPANIES DOING BUSINESS IN
6 IRAN'S ENERGY SECTOR. THERE'S ALSO FEDERAL LEGISLATION AT THIS
7 POINT WORKING ITS WAY THROUGH CONGRESS CALLED THE IRAN
8 SANCTIONS ENABLING ACT OF 2009. THIS BILL CURRENTLY HAS 200
9 COSPONSORS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. AND THIS
10 LEGISLATION WILL ENCOURAGE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO
11 DIVEST ASSETS FROM THE PENSION FUNDS OR OTHER INVESTMENT FUNDS
12 UNDER THEIR CONTROL FROM COMPANIES KNOWN TO BE ASSISTING
13 IRAN'S ENERGY SECTOR. SO AT THIS POINT, I URGE THE BOARD TO
14 JOIN THESE EFFORTS AND SEIZE ON THE CURRENT MOMENTUM IN
15 CONGRESS TO DIVEST HERE AT THE COUNTY LEVEL. WE WILL BE
16 SENDING A POWERFUL MESSAGE THAT CORPORATE SUPPORT FOR THIS
17 REPRESSIVE REGIME IN IRAN WILL NOT BE TOLERATED HERE. THANK
18 YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

21

22 **EDINA BLISHE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS EDINA BLISHE, AND I AM
23 AN ACTIVE COMMUNITY LEADER ACTIVIST IN MANY DIFFERENT
24 COMMUNITIES. AND I'M NOT GOING TO BE TECHNICAL, BUT JUST TO
25 SPEAK FROM THE HEART AND TO SAY TO ALL OF YOU, TO THANK YOU



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1 FOR HEARING THIS ITEM AND TO HOPEFULLY PASSING IT. BECAUSE WE
2 ARE LOS ANGELES AND WE ARE A CITY AND WE ARE A COUNTY THAT
3 LEADS. AND PEOPLE LOOK TO US, WHETHER IT'S BECAUSE OF
4 HOLLYWOOD OR BECAUSE OF OUR ORANGE GROVES OR MANY OTHER
5 THINGS, FOR LEADERSHIP. THEY LOOK TO US. AND I KNOW THAT IT'S
6 OFTEN BEEN SAID THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF GREAT LEADERS, THERE
7 ARE GREAT PROBLEMS. AND I HAVE WATCHED YOU, MANY OF YOU, ON
8 THIS BOARD AS A BUDDING YOUNG POLITICIAN HAVE BEEN MY HEROES
9 AND HAVE BEEN PEOPLE THAT I'VE WATCHED. AND I KNOW THAT YOU'RE
10 GOING TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION AND MAKE SURE THAT A COUNTRY
11 THAT IS OPPRESSIVE, A COUNTRY THAT IS ANTI-AMERICAN AND ANTI
12 OUR VALUES WILL NOT SUCCEED. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I WOULD ASK THAT RAMIN
15 RABIEIAN AND MICHAEL YADEGARAN. HOPEFULLY HE RECOGNIZED
16 MICHAEL. I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT. GO AHEAD.

17

18 **JASMINE NIKU:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS JASMINE NIKU, I'M A
19 U.C.L.A. GRAD., CURRENTLY AT UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW
20 SCHOOL. I'M ALSO ON THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL COUNCIL OF 30
21 YEARS AFTER. 30 YEARS AFTER IS AN ORGANIZATION COMMITTED TO
22 GETTING THE IRANIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY MORE INVOLVED IN
23 POLITICAL AND CIVIC AFFAIRS, BOTH ON A LOCAL AND NATIONAL
24 LEVEL. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS YAROSLAVSKY AND ANTONOVICH
25 FOR SUPPORTING AND INTRODUCING THIS RESOLUTION. DO YOU WANT ME



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1 TO START OVER? ON BEHALF OF 30 YEARS AFTER AND THE IRANIAN
2 JEWISH COMMUNITY, I WANT TO THANK YOU AND SAY THAT WE FULLY
3 SUPPORT THIS AND WE FULLY SUPPORT DIVESTING FROM ANY COMPANY
4 THAT DOES ANY BUSINESS WITH IRAN. THE LATEST EVENTS IN IRAN
5 REINFORCE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO PUT PRESSURE ON A REGIME THAT
6 IS CONDUCTING AN ILLEGAL NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, FUNDING
7 TERRORISM, AND DISREGARDING ITS PEOPLE'S RIGHTS. WE LOOK
8 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MAKE SURE
9 THAT NO TAXPAYER MONEY GOES TO A REGIME THAT OPPRESSES ITS
10 PEOPLE. OUR COMMUNITY FULLY SUPPORTS THIS RECOMMENDATION, AND
11 WE ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO ADOPT IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK
12 YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **PAMELA KOHANCHI:** HI, MY NAME IS PAMELA KOHANSCHI. TO GIVE YOU
17 A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND ABOUT MYSELF, I'M A U.C.L.A.
18 UNDERGRAD, STANFORD LAW SCHOOL GRADUATE. I SPENT ABOUT A YEAR
19 IN WASHINGTON D.C., WRITING A THESIS ON IRANIAN ISSUES. THIS
20 ISSUE IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME. I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE 30
21 YEARS AFTER BOARD. I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE AND AM PROUD OF A
22 COMMUNITY THAT IS CONSIDERING A DIVESTMENT FROM THESE
23 COMPANIES. I THINK IT'S GOING TO SEND AN EXTREMELY STRONG
24 MESSAGE, AND IT'S ABOUT TIME. THANK YOU.

25



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1 **MICHAEL YADEGARAN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
2 MICHAEL YADEGARAN, AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE IRANIAN
3 AMERICAN JEWISH CIVIC ACTION ORGANIZATION, 30 YEARS AFTER. I'M
4 HERE TODAY URGING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
5 AND COUNTY PENSION BOARD, ON BEHALF OF MY ORGANIZATION AND
6 COUNTLESS OTHER CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES, TO DIVEST FROM
7 COMPANIES DOING BUSINESS WITH IRAN. AS YOU KNOW, THE ISLAMIC
8 REPUBLIC OF IRAN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SOME OF THE WORLD'S WORST
9 HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES. L.A. COUNTY'S DIVESTMENT WILL SEND A
10 POWERFUL MESSAGE TO ALL CORPORATIONS CURRENTLY DOING BUSINESS
11 WITH IRAN AND WILL MAKE OTHER CORPORATIONS THINK TWICE BEFORE
12 ENTERING INTO NEW CONTRACTS WITH IRAN. AS AMERICANS, WE REAP
13 THE BENEFITS OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY. IT IS TIME THAT WE
14 PUNISH THOSE WHO DEPRIVE THEIR CITIZENS OF FREEDOM, LIBERTY
15 AND BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION
16 ENCOURAGING THE PENSION BOARD TO DIVEST FROM COMPANIES DOING
17 BUSINESS IN IRAN'S ENERGY SECTOR. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I ASK THAT ANDREW CUSHNIR
20 JOIN US, SETH BRYSK, ADA HORWICH, AND RABBI SPIKE ANDERSON. IF
21 YOU ALL WOULD COME FORWARD, PLEASE.

22

23 **ANDREW CUSHNIR:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS ANDREW CUSHNIR, I AM
24 THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF
25 LOS ANGELES. IT IS MY PLEASURE TO BE HERE TO OFFER OUR VOICE



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1 IN ADDITION IN SUPPORT OF THIS IMPORTANT MEASURE. WE BELIEVE
2 THAT THIS IS A MOMENT WHERE MORALITY AND FIDUCIARY
3 RESPONSIBILITY PERFECTLY ALIGN, AND WE ENCOURAGE THE SUPPORT
4 OF THE MOTION.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

7

8 **SETH BRYSK:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SETH BRYSK.
9 I'M THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE. I WANT
10 TO THANK SUPERVISORS YAROSLAVSKY AND ANTONOVICH FOR
11 INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. IT'S VERY WELL-WRITTEN, AND SO
12 THERE'S NOT MUCH MORE THAT NEEDS TO BE SAID. AND MANY OTHER OF
13 THE COMMENTS BEFORE ME HAVE ADDED OTHER POINTS OF WISDOM. I
14 JUST WILL ADD A FEW OF MY OWN, IF I MAY. THE ISSUE OF IRAN'S
15 PURSUIT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY AND THE RISK THAT IT
16 POSES TO THOSE COMPANIES THAT ARE INVESTED IN THAT REGIME IS
17 MORE THAN APPARENT IF YOU LOOK AT THE LOCAL EVENTS THAT
18 TRANSPIRED IN IRAN AFTER THE ELECTION. I'LL JUST SAY THAT JUST
19 LAST WEEK WE MARKED THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOMBING OF A
20 JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER IN BUENOS AIRES WHERE 85 PEOPLE LOST
21 THEIR LIVES AND OVER 300 WERE INJURED. SO THE ISSUE OF
22 INSTABILITY IS NOT JUST CONTAINED WITHIN IRAN, BUT WOULD BE
23 EXPORTED AND WOULD GROW EXPONENTIALLY. ALSO, OTHER COUNTRIES
24 IN THE REGION LIKE TURKEY, SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT, HAVE TALKED
25 ABOUT THEIR DESIRE TO PURSUE NUCLEAR WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY. SO



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1 THAT THE INSTABILITY WILL RIPPLE OUT. AND, THEREFORE, IT IS A
2 GREAT RISK, AND I DO URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK
3 YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I WOULD ASK MAYA ZUTLER AND
6 SANDRA MATTHEW TO JOIN US, PLEASE.

7

8 **ADA HORWICH:** GOOD MORNING. I'M ADA HORWICH, I'M A COMMUNITY
9 ACTIVIST, ALSO A LEADER IN THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF LOS
10 ANGELES. AND I'M A LIFELONG CITIZEN OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF
11 LOS ANGELES. BUT I WON'T SAY HOW LONG THAT'S BEEN. I WANT TO
12 THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR TAKING ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE
13 TODAY. AND I BELIEVE THAT IT SHOULD NOT HAVE ONLY BEEN DEBATED
14 AND PASSED IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BUT ALSO LOCALLY AND I'M VERY
15 PROUD AND DELIGHTED THAT YOU'RE TAKING THIS ON IN OUR LOCAL
16 COMMUNITY. AS HAS BEEN SAID BEFORE, AND I WANT TO REPEAT SOME
17 OF THE POINTS BECAUSE I THINK THEY'RE IMPORTANT AND I WANT YOU
18 TO KNOW THAT AS CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE'RE
19 VERY WELL AWARE OF THE ISSUE. IRAN HAS REPEATEDLY BEEN
20 IDENTIFIED BY THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT AS THE CHIEF STATE
21 SPONSOR OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. IRAN IS DEFYING THE
22 INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY BY PUSHING AHEAD WITH ITS NUCLEAR
23 PROGRAM IN DEFIANCE OF ITS NONPROLIFERATION OBLIGATIONS AND
24 NUMEROUS U.N. DECLARATIONS AND U.N. RESOLUTIONS. UNDER U.S.
25 LAW, PURSUANT TO THE IRAN SANCTIONS ACT OF 1996, ALL U.S. AND



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1 FOREIGN COMPANIES THAT HAVE INVESTED MORE THAN \$20 MILLION IN
2 IRAN'S ENERGY SECTOR SINCE 1996 ARE LIABLE TO BE SANCTIONED.
3 THE NUMBER OF SUCH COMPANIES IS LESS THAN 20. AND ALL OF THESE
4 COMPANIES ARE FOREIGN. THE IRAN REFINED PETROLEUM SANCTIONS
5 ACT IS BEING DISCUSSED IN THE U.S. CONGRESS. AND TOMORROW,
6 HOWARD BERMAN, THE HEAD OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE IN
7 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IS HOLDING A HEARING.
8 INVESTMENTS IN THE PUBLICLY TRADED COMPANIES INVOLVED IN
9 IRAN'S ENERGY SANCTION THEREFORE POSES A FINANCIAL RISK, AND
10 WE ENCOURAGE YOU. THANK YOU. I'M SORRY I DIDN'T SEE THAT.
11 [LAUGHTER.] WE ENCOURAGE YOU. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

14

15 **RABBI SPIKE ANDERSON:** HELLO. MY NAME IS RABBI SPIKE ANDERSON.
16 I'M ONE OF THE RABBIS AT STEVEN S. WISE TEMPLE HERE IN LOS
17 ANGELES. AND I'M A GRADUATE OF HEBREW UNION COLLEGE JEWISH
18 INSTITUTE OF RELIGION IN NEW YORK CITY. A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO,
19 AS I WAS GRADUATING FROM SEMINARY, AS IS CUSTOM AT THE
20 SEMINARY, I GAVE A FINAL SERMON TO THE INSTITUTION ABOUT AN
21 ISSUE WHICH WAS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT TO ME. AND THAT, YEARS
22 AGO, WAS SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAN. FRANKLY, IT LOOKS LIKE THERE
23 ARE LOTS OF SABERS RATTLING WHEN IT COMES TO IRAN. AND SINCE
24 WE'RE IN THE MIDST OF TWO WARS AT PRESENT, AFGHANISTAN AND
25 IRAQ, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT AS HUMAN BEINGS, JEWS AND OTHERWISE,



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1 THAT OUR MOST PRICELESS COMMODITY IS HUMAN LIFE, AND BY
2 SUPPORTING THIS RESOLUTION, WE WOULD BE DOING THAT TOGETHER.
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **MAYA ZUTLER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MAYA ZUTLER AND I HAVE
8 BEEN A 10-YEAR RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'M HERE TO
9 SUPPORT THIS MOTION TODAY, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
10 COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP AND YOUR INITIATIVE TO BRING THIS BEFORE
11 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. YOU'VE HEARD TODAY THAT IRAN IS A
12 BRUTAL AND RUTHLESS REGIME. WE DON'T NEED TO CONTINUE INTO
13 THAT DISCUSSION. BUT I WANTED TO MAKE A POINT THAT THIS MOTION
14 IS A WIN/WIN FOR LOS ANGELES. AND FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS
15 MOTION MAKES MORAL SENSE AND IT MAKES FINANCIAL SENSE, FOR OUR
16 PENSIONS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE FOR THE EMPLOYEES
17 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I WANT TO SALUTE YOU FOR YOUR
18 LEADERSHIP. AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL PASS THIS MOTION TODAY.
19 THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. CAN WE ASK FREDERICK LEVIN TO JOIN US?
22 THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND IS IT MR. AGARONYAN? I DON'T KNOW IF
23 YOU WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM OR ANOTHER ITEM? IS HE HERE?

24



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1 **SANDRA MATTHEW:** HI, MY NAME IS SANDRA MATTHEW, I CAME TODAY
2 FROM AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA. I'M AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF TEMPLE
3 BETH HAVARIM, AND A VERY CONCERNED CITIZEN WHEN IT COMES TO
4 IRAN. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS YAROSLAVSKY AND ANTONOVICH
5 FOR COURAGEOUSLY BRINGING THIS TO THE FOREFRONT. EVERYBODY
6 KNOWS THE DETAILS, BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WHEN I WATCH
7 THE NEWS AND I SEE THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN IRAN LITERALLY RISKING
8 THEIR LIVES FOR FREEDOM AND I THINK TO MYSELF, WHAT WOULD I DO
9 IF I WERE LIVING IN IRAN? WOULD I HAVE THE COURAGE TO LEAVE MY
10 KIDS AND HUSBAND, GO OUT ON THE STREETS AND FACE DEATH? AND I
11 THINK HOW LUCKY I AM THAT I CAN COME HERE TODAY AND SIT BEFORE
12 YOU AND ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT
13 RESOLUTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **FREDERICK LEVIN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS FREDERICK LEVIN. I'M
16 THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE IN LOS ANGELES.
17 I OBVIOUSLY SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THIS RESOLUTION. BUT I WANTED
18 TO ADD ONE ADDITIONAL THOUGHT, WHICH IS I THINK EVERYONE HERE
19 AGREES WITH THE CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER THAT THE AMBITIONS OF
20 IRAN'S LEADERSHIP TO BECOME A NUCLEAR STATE PRESENTS. I THINK
21 THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS MEASURE IS THAT WE ALL NEED TO BE ABLE
22 TO SAY THAT WE DID WHATEVER WE COULD DO TO PREVENT THAT FROM
23 OCCURRING. BECAUSE IT PRESENTS NOT ONLY A THREAT TO ISRAEL AND
24 STATES IN THE MIDDLE EAST, BUT TO AMERICA. THIS STEP IS WHAT
25 WE CAN DO, ONE OF THE THINGS WE CAN DO. AND WHATEVER HAPPENS,



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1 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE ALL BE ABLE TO SAY THAT WE DID WHAT WE
2 CAN DO. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THE LAST INDIVIDUAL THAT
5 WANTED TO SPEAK ON THIS I GUESS IS NOT HERE? ALL RIGHT. THAT
6 CONCLUDES THE SPEAKERS. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. BEEN MOVED AND
7 SECONDED. ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM. NEXT
8 ITEM? [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING, ESPECIALLY THE
11 YOUNG PEOPLE. IT'S GOOD TO SEE THAT. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE
12 TAKE UP ITEM NO. 6, MADAME CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** ITEM NO. 6?

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS WAS THE MOTION ON WAGNER, THE RING
17 FESTIVAL THAT'S BEING DONE IN THE 2010 L.A. OPERA PROGRAM. THE
18 MOTION THAT I HAD BROUGHT BEFORE YOU IS NOT TO CANCEL, BUT
19 IT'S ABOUT BRINGING BALANCE TO THE FESTIVAL SURROUNDING IT.
20 HONORING WAGNER WITH A PARTY ATMOSPHERE IS AN AFFRONT TO THOSE
21 WHO HAVE BEEN NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY THE HORRORS OF THE
22 HOLOCAUST. I MIGHT ADD THAT DURING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF
23 THE 20TH CENTURY, IT IS NOT KNOWN, BUT GERMAN OFFICERS WERE
24 ADVISORS AND WITNESSES TO THAT OTTOMAN GENOCIDE OF ARMENIANS
25 IN THAT WORLD WAR I, WHERE 1-1/2 MILLION ARMENIANS WERE



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1 MURDERED BY TURKEY'S OTTOMAN GOVERNMENT. BUT WAGNER WAS THE
2 PERSON WHO WAS A GREAT INFLUENCE IN THE NATIONAL SOCIALIST
3 WORKERS' PARTY, ADOLF HITLER'S KILLING OF 6 MILLION JEWS AND
4 DESTROYING COUNTRIES AND LEADING THIS WORLD TO ONE OF THE MOST
5 HORRENDOUS WARS OF THE 20TH CENTURY. L.A. OPERA MUST BE
6 INCLUSIVE AND SENSITIVE TO MANY WHO WERE IMPACTED BY HITLER'S
7 GERMANY. THE SOLUTION TO INCORPORATE AND INCLUDE DIFFERENT
8 VOICES THAT COUNTER ANTI-SEMITISM. HAVING ONE OR TWO VOICES
9 OUT OF 70-PLUS SPONSORED EVENTS, CONFERENCES IS NOT REALLY
10 BRINGING A BALANCE. WAGNER'S MUSIC AND HIS RACIST WRITINGS
11 INSPIRED AND BECAME THE DE FACTO SOUNDTRACK FOR THE HOLOCAUST.
12 REASONABLE PERSONS CAN SEE THAT YOU CAN'T SEPARATE THE MAN
13 FROM THE MUSIC. JUDGE SHELDON SLOAN WROTE ME A LETTER AND HE
14 SAYS, "AS YOU KNOW, I AM A GOLD CIRCLE FOUNDER OF THE MUSIC
15 CENTER, A PAST PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES MUSIC AND
16 PERFORMING ARTS COMMISSION AS WELL AS PAST PRESIDENT OF THE
17 L.A. COUNTY BAR, THE L.A. MEMORIAL COLISEUM COMMISSION AND THE
18 STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA. I STRONGLY SUPPORT YOUR POSITION
19 REGARDING THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO FUND A FESTIVAL HONORING
20 A KNOWN ANTI-SEMITITE. WE CANNOT SEPARATE THE MAN FROM THE
21 MUSIC. WOULD WE HONOR MEIN KAMPF OR THE COMMUNIST MANIFESTO?
22 BOTH WERE BESTSELLERS AND POPULAR BOOKS IN THEIR DAY AND STILL
23 ARE READ WIDELY. IF PRIVATE SUPPORT IS WISHED TO HONOR THE
24 ANTI-SEMITITE NAZI SYMPATHIZER WAGNER, SO BE IT. THE FIRST
25 AMENDMENT IS ALIVE AND WELL BUT I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE USE OF



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1 ANY PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE." THAT'S BY JUDGE SHELLY
2 SLOAN. HE GAVE ME PERMISSION TO READ THAT LETTER TODAY BECAUSE
3 HE WAS NOT ABLE TO BE AT THIS MEETING THIS MORNING. I MIGHT
4 ADD THAT THE RING FESTIVAL L.A. IS A 10-WEEK, 70-EVENT ARTS
5 AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND WORKS OF
6 WAGNER, AN ANTI-SEMITITE, AS I SAID. TO CLARIFY, THE
7 PERFORMANCES OF OF WAGNER IS ONLY ONE PORTION OF THE ENTIRE
8 FESTIVAL. SOME HAVE JUSTIFIED RING FESTIVAL L.A. BY CLAIMING
9 THAT IT ONLY CELEBRATES WAGNER'S ART, NOT HIS PERSONAL VIEWS.
10 THE SEPARATION OF THE MAN FROM HIS ART IS IMPOSSIBLE, AS
11 WAGNER'S ANTI-SEMITIC BELIEFS CREATE CLEARLY IN HIS CREATIONS,
12 MANY OF WHICH WILL BE PERFORMED DURING THE FESTIVAL. I'M NOT
13 SUGGESTING THAT THE ENTIRE FESTIVAL BE CANCELED. THE L.A.
14 TIMES, WHO IS A SPONSOR OF THE EVENT, CLEARLY MISINTERPRETED
15 OR BY DESIGN OR WHATEVER BY SAYING THAT IT WAS FOR
16 CANCELLATION. THE EFFORT WAS TO HAVE A BALANCE THAT WOULD
17 ENSURE THAT ALL DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW COULD BE RAISED AND
18 WE COULD ALSO FOCUS ON OTHER COMPOSERS, AS WELL, WHO HAVE
19 CONTRIBUTED TO MUSIC. BUT AT LEAST HALF OF THE 70 FESTIVAL
20 EVENTS SHOULD NOT INVOLVE WAGNER'S WORK, THUS ALLOWING THE
21 OCCASION TO BECOME A TRULY MULTIFACETED L.A. COUNTY
22 CELEBRATION THAT SHOWCASES MUSICAL BRILLIANCE FROM MANY
23 PEOPLES AND DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS. SO WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
24 IS ONE OF BALANCE. THE L.A. OPERA, THERE'S NOTHING THAT WE CAN
25 DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY EXCEPT TO ENSURE THAT WHEN THIS TYPE OF A



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1 PROGRAM IS BEING PRESENTED, I MEAN THERE'S GOING TO BE A BEER
2 HALL WITH BRATWURST SAUSAGE, AND THAT'S WONDERFUL. BUT IT
3 GIVES A FESTIVAL PORTRAYING THE MAN WHO CREATED SO MUCH HATE
4 AND WAS USED AS HATE MONGERS AS ONE OF THEIR GREAT MUSICAL
5 LEADERS AND INSPIRATIONS. IN FACT, IT'S SAID THAT MANY TIMES
6 HE USED THE SOUND TRACK FROM WAGNER'S MUSIC IN THE
7 CONCENTRATION CAMPS WITH PEOPLE BEING LED TO THEIR DEATH. SO
8 ALL THIS MOTION DOES SIMPLY IS TO TELL L.A. OPERA: WE WANT TO
9 HAVE A BALANCE. WE WANT TO HAVE A BALANCED PRESENTATION. WE
10 DON'T WANT CENSORSHIP. BUT WE WANT TO HAVE A BALANCE SO ALL
11 POINTS OF VIEW. I KNOW THE GREAT, GREAT GRANDSON OF WAGNER
12 WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE. AND HE WAS TOLD YES, YOU CAN
13 PARTICIPATE. BUT YOU HAVE TO PAY YOUR OWN WAY HERE FROM
14 GERMANY. THAT'S REALLY GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY TO INSURE THAT
15 YOU HAVE DIVERSITY AND DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW BEING
16 PRESENTED. HE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST OUTSPOKEN MEMBERS OF
17 THE WAGNER FAMILY ABOUT THE HATE AND THE ANTI-SEMITISM THAT
18 HIS GREAT, GREAT GRANDFATHER HAD IMPACTED ON NOT JUST GERMANY
19 BUT THE WORLD. BUT WHEN YOU DENY THESE INDIVIDUALS COMING OVER
20 HERE TO HAVE A BALANCED PROGRAM, I THINK IT'S AN AFFRONT TO
21 L.A. OPERA IN NOT WANTING TO INSURE THAT THIS COMMUNITY WOULD
22 HAVE THE BALANCE THAT WE SO SURELY NEED.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR? SUPERVISOR MOLINA? CAN I BE
25 RECOGNIZED?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAME CHAIRMAN, I HAVE A SUBSTITUTE MOTION FOR
5 MR. ANTONOVICH'S MOTION. BUT I THINK IT'S AN UNFAIR
6 CHARACTERIZATION AND THE OPERA CAN SPEAK FOR ITSELF, BUT I CAN
7 SPEAK FOR THE OPERA BECAUSE I'VE WATCHED THIS THING UNFOLD. I
8 DON'T BELIEVE THERE'S EVER BEEN A FESTIVAL, A RING FESTIVAL OF
9 ANY KIND THAT HAS EXTENDED ITSELF TO THIS EXTENT TO CONSIDER
10 ALL OF THE ASPECTS OF WAGNER. AND THERE ARE PLENTY OF GOOD
11 THINGS ABOUT HIS MUSIC AND HORRIBLE THINGS ABOUT HIM AND HIS
12 VIEWS. THE OPERA HAS GONE TO EXTRAORDINARY LENGTHS TO ENSURE
13 THAT THERE IS GREAT BALANCE AND GREAT DIVERSITY OF VIEWS. AND
14 I THINK THE MOTION I'LL READ WILL SPEAK TO THAT IN A MINUTE.
15 THE TROUBLE WITH POLITICIZING ART IS SELF-EVIDENT. AND I THINK
16 EVERYBODY HAS THEIR OWN VIEWS OF WAGNER, AND MINE AREN'T
17 PARTICULARLY FAVORABLE. I HAVE FAMILY WHO WAS WIPE OUT IN THE
18 HOLOCAUST. I DON'T THINK ANYBODY ELSE SITTING ON THIS BOARD
19 HAS. SO I THINK I HAVE SOME STANDING TO SPEAK TO THIS ISSUE.
20 BUT TO SUGGEST THAT THE ART AND THE MAN ARE INDISTINGUISHABLE
21 I THINK IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, THE EVIDENCE IS NOT THERE AND
22 I DON'T THINK ANY -- THERE ARE TOO MANY REASONABLE PEOPLE WHO
23 ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THE ARTS AND IN WAGNERIAN OPERA AND OTHER
24 MUSIC THAT HE HAS WRITTEN WHO SHARE THAT VIEW. THIS IS NOT THE
25 FIRST TIME WAGNER HAS BEEN PERFORMED HERE IN LOS ANGELES



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1 COUNTY. IT'S BEEN PERFORMED ALMOST EVERY YEAR BY THE L.A.
2 PHILHARMONIC. PERFORMED BY THE OPERA. HE'S PERFORMED
3 WORLDWIDE, INCLUDING NOW IN THE STATE OF ISRAEL ITSELF. SO I'D
4 LIKE TO READ THIS MOTION AS A SUBSTITUTE. "IN 2010, THE LOS
5 ANGELES OPERA WILL PRESENT RICHARD WAGNER'S RING CYCLE. TO
6 MARK THE OCCASION, WHICH WILL BE THE FIRST TIME THIS EPIC
7 FOUR-OPERA MASTERWORK HAS BEEN SEEN IN ITS ENTIRETY IN OUR
8 COUNTY, THE OPERA, IN MORE THAN 75 ARTS, CULTURAL AND
9 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, WILL PRESENT RING FESTIVAL L.A., A
10 WIDE VARIETY OF EXHIBITIONS, PERFORMANCES, SYMPOSIA AND
11 SPECIAL EVENTS CENTERED ON THE ARTISTIC, HISTORICAL AND
12 PHILOSOPHICAL UNDERPINNINGS OF THE RING. THE FESTIVAL IS BASED
13 ON WAGNER'S ORIGINAL CONCEPTION OF THE RING CYCLE AS AN
14 ARTISTIC AND CULTURE EVENT THAT WAS TO COMPLETELY ENGAGE THE
15 CITY IN WHICH IT WAS PERFORMED. RING FESTIVAL L.A. HOPES TO
16 ACHIEVE THE SAME RESULT. BUT ANY CELEBRATION OF RICHARD
17 WAGNER'S WORKS MUST ALSO CONSIDER THE COMPOSER'S BIGOTED AND
18 ANTI-SEMITIC BEHAVIOR AND WRITINGS, AND THE USES TO WHICH HIS
19 MUSIC WAS PUT BY ADOLF HITLER AND THE THIRD REICH. ALTHOUGH
20 WAGNER DIED LONG BEFORE HITLER WAS BORN, OR I SHOULD SAY LONG
21 BEFORE HE TOOK POWER, THE FACT THAT MANY PEOPLE, MYSELF
22 INCLUDED, ASSOCIATED HIS MUSIC WITH NAZISM AND ANTI-SEMITISM
23 SHOULD NOT AND CANNOT BE IGNORED. TO THEIR CREDIT, THE
24 ORGANIZERS OF THE RING FESTIVAL L.A. HAVE MADE AND EXPLORATION
25 AND DISCUSSION OF WAGNER'S BIGOTRY A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE



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1 FESTIVAL. THEIR DETERMINATION TO DO SO IS EXPRESSED IN THESE
2 TERMS ON THEIR OWN WEBSITE'S HOME PAGE, AND I QUOTE 'IT IS
3 IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WHILE RICHARD WAGNER IS CONSIDERED ONE
4 OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AND INFLUENTIAL OF ALL COMPOSERS, HE IS
5 ALSO RIGHTLY REVEILED AS HAVING BEEN AN ANTI-SEMITES. WAGNER'S
6 WRITINGS ON THE SUBJECT PERCOLATED INTO GERMAN POLITICS AND
7 POPULAR CULTURE. AND DECADES AFTER THE COMPOSER'S DEATH, WERE
8 CELEBRATED BY ADOLF HITLER AND THE THIRD REICH. IT IS THE
9 COMPANY'S BELIEF THAT THE OPERA HAS VALUE NOT ONLY AS MUSICAL
10 AND THEATRICAL ENTERTAINMENT, BUT IS A WAY TO GAIN IMPORTANT
11 INSIGHT AND TO EXPLORE MORAL ISSUES. RING FESTIVAL L.A. WILL
12 SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS THE SUBJECT OF WAGNER'S ANTI-SEMITISM IN
13 SEVERAL CONTEXTS, INCLUDING SEMINARS, PANEL CONVERSATIONS, AND
14 PERFORMANCES.' AT THIS POINT IN TIME, THE FESTIVAL INCLUDES
15 SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES AT U.S.C., U.C.L.A., AND THE AMERICAN
16 JEWISH UNIVERSITY, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSITY OF
17 JUDAISM, THAT WILL DEAL WITH THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WAGNER
18 AND THE JEWS AND BETWEEN WAGNER AND FASCISM. MUSICAL
19 PRESENTATIONS WILL INCLUDE THE WORKS OF MOZART, HADYN,
20 BEETHOVEN AND BRAHMS, ALONG WITH WAGNER. IN ADDITION, THERE
21 WILL BE A CONCERT THAT WILL EXPLORE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
22 WAGNER AND HIS JEWISH-BORN RIVAL, FELIX MENDELSSOHN, AND
23 ANOTHER THAT LINKS WAGNER TO HIS MUSICAL PREDECESSORS AND
24 FOLLOWERS, JEWISH AND GENTILE ALIKE, THOSE WHO CONSIDERED
25 THEMSELVES INDEBTED TO WAGNER'S PIONEERING WORK AND THOSE WHO



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1 REBELLED AGAINST IT. THE FESTIVAL WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE WORLD
2 PREMIERE OF A FILM DOCUMENTARY ON THE WAGNER FAMILY THAT DEALS
3 WITH ISSUES OF ANTI-SEMITISM AND THE NAZI CONNECTION. AND THE
4 LOS ANGELES CONSERVANCY WILL OFFER A SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF
5 HISTORIC SITES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHERE SOME OF THE
6 GREATEST GERMAN ARTISTS, ARCHITECTS, AND WRITERS WHO SOUGHT
7 REFUGE FROM NAZI PERSECUTION IN THE 1930S LIVED, WORKED AND
8 PLAYED. I SAY ALL OF THIS TO ILLUSTRATE THAT THE FESTIVAL IS
9 NOT ENVISIONED AS SIMPLY A CELEBRATION OF WAGNER'S LIFE. ON
10 THE CONTRARY, IT'S ENVISIONED AS AN EXAMINATION OF HIS
11 INFLUENCE ON WESTERN CULTURE AND SOCIETY FOR BETTER AND FOR
12 WORSE. IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT THE LOS ANGELES OPERA SHOULD
13 BE PRODUCING SUCH AN EVENT. MANY OF THE OTHER EVENTS,
14 PROGRAMMING THAT THE OPERA HAS UNDERTAKEN, INCLUDING JAMES
15 CONLON'S SEMINAL RESURRECTION OF THE "RECOVERED VOICES" SERIES
16 OF OPERAS BY COMPOSERS WHO WERE PERSECUTED AND IN SOME CASES
17 KILLED BY THE NAZIS HAVE BEEN PERFORMED OVER THE LAST SEVERAL
18 YEARS HERE AT THE MUSIC CENTER. THE LOS ANGELES OPERA HAS MADE
19 A CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO PRESENT RICHARD WAGNER'S RING CYCLE
20 AND TO PROMOTE AND STAGE RING FESTIVAL L.A. WITHIN THE MANY
21 CONTEXTS IN WHICH THE COMPOSER HAS INFLUENCED OUR CULTURE AND
22 SOCIETY. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GO ON
23 RECORD IN SUPPORT OF THE LOS ANGELES OPERA'S PRODUCTION OF THE
24 RING CYCLE AND ITS PRESENTATION OF RING FESTIVAL L.A. AS A
25 SERIES OF EVENTS THAT WILL CONSIDER THE COMPOSER IN HIS



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1 TOTALITY, INCLUDING NOT ONLY HIS MUSICAL GENIUS, BUT ALSO HIS
2 DESPICABLE ANTI-SEMITISM AND THE APPROPRIATION OF HIS MUSIC TO
3 SERVE THE GOALS OF FASCISM AND NAZISM, AND URGE THE OPERA TO
4 FOLLOW THROUGH ON ITS PLANS TO CONDUCT THE FESTIVAL IN THIS
5 MANNER. AND I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE OPERA BE URGED TO WIDELY
6 PUBLICIZE THE FESTIVAL, AND TO SEEK THE BROADEST POSSIBLE
7 AUDIENCE FOR BOTH THE FESTIVAL AND THE OPERAS THEMSELVES. AND
8 IN SO DOING, TO NOT ONLY INSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE OPERATIC
9 PERFORMANCES, BUT ALSO TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT THE LIFE AND
10 TIMES OF RICHARD WAGNER IN ALL OF ITS CONTEXTS CONTEXTS."
11 THAT'S MY SUBSTITUTE MOTION, MR. CHAIRMAN.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'LL SECOND THAT FOR DISCUSSION. WE HAVE
14 A NUMBER OF PEOPLE SIGNED UP. JUST A POINT OF PRIVILEGE BEFORE
15 I START CALLING THE SPEAKERS UP. ON ITEM NO. 4, COULD I ASK
16 FOR RECONSIDERATION SO I CAN VOTE ON IT?

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOVE RECONSIDERATION.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
21 I'D LIKE TO BE RECORDED AS AN AYE VOTE. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT.
22 WE HAVE A NUMBER OF FOLKS. WE HAVE A LARGE GROUP OF SPEAKERS
23 HERE, AS WELL, LIKE THE LAST GROUP. ALLOCATE A MINUTE. PETER
24 GIMPEL. MIGUEL VIRGILIO. HAL GOLDBERG. CARIE DELMAR. OKAY.

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1 **PETER GIMPEL:** DO I HAVE THREE MINUTES?

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE.

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5 **PETER GIMPEL:** THREE.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD.

8

9 **PETER GIMPEL:** I'M HERE TO FULLY SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION BY
10 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. I AM 77 YEARS OLD. I HAVE BEEN HERE IN
11 OPERA FOR 60 SO I AM FRUSTRATED OPERA SINGER AND ROCKET
12 SCIENTIST BY PROFESSION. ANYHOW, I AM SURE THAT IF YOU RUN A
13 POLL TODAY AMONG THE LOS ANGELES AUDIENCE, YOUR RECOMMENDATION
14 WILL BE APPROVED BY THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY. THAT DOESN'T
15 MEAN THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE FROM OUTSIDE THE COUNTY, FROM
16 OUTSIDE THE STATE THE WAGNER FANS THAT WOULD LOVE TO COME
17 HERE. AND WE ACTUALLY PAY FOR THEIR DEVOTION TO WAGNER. BUT I
18 FEEL THAT AS AN ANGELINO, I HAVE THE FEELING THAT YOUR
19 RECOMMENDATION WILL BE HIGHLY APPROVED. LET ME JUST CONTRIBUTE
20 TWO ITEMS ON THE SUBJECT OF THE ANTI-SEMITISM OF WAGNER. I
21 CONTACTED DR. THOMAS KAUFFMAN, A LEADING MUSICOLOGIST AND
22 OPERA WRITER FROM THE UNITED STATES, WHO HAPPENED TO BE
23 JEWISH, TOO. AND HE GAVE ME TWO INSTANCES IN WHICH HE
24 DESCRIBES WAGNER AS AN ACTIVE ANTI-SEMITIST. FOR INSTANCE,
25 WHEN IN THE TIME THAT HE WAS ACTIVE, COMPOSER GIACOMO



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1 MEYERBEER, WHO HAS ACTUALLY TREMENDOUS SUCCESS. WAGNER WAS SO
2 JEALOUS OF HIM, THAT HE ACTUALLY LOBBIED WITH THE KING OF
3 BAVARIA TO ACTUALLY BAN MEYERBEER FROM BEING ACCEPTED.
4 SECONDLY, HIS DECLARATION THAT HE POSED IN OPERA QUARTERLY IN
5 2003, IN WHICH IT WAS QUOTE THAT WAGNER SAID "ALL JEWS SHOULD
6 ABANDON THEIR RELIGION OR BE KILLED." THAT'S THE END OF MY
7 MESSAGE. SO THAT ACTUALLY GIVES A LITTLE BIT EXTRA DIMENSION
8 TO THE ANTI-SEMITIST THAT YOU ACTUALLY ALLUDED IN YOUR
9 NEWSPAPER'S DECLARATION.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. OKAY, NEXT?

12

13 **HAL GOLDBERG:** MY NAME IS HAL GOLDBERG. AND THANKS FOR ALLOWING
14 ME TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF MR. ANTONOVICH'S RECOMMENDATION. I
15 FEEL THAT IF THE FOCUS REMAINS ON WAGNER, WHO WAS THE MOST
16 FAMOUS ANTI-SEMITITE OF THE 19TH CENTURY, AND AS WE KNOW, THE
17 INSPIRATION FOR HITLER'S HOLOCAUST, IT'S GOING TO CREATE A
18 PERFECT STORM THAT'S GOING TO TARNISH THE CITY AND COUNTY'S
19 REPUTATION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. NO AMOUNT OF THEORIES ABOUT
20 SEPARATING THE MAN FROM HIS MUSIC AND THE WISH FOR INCREASED
21 TOURISM WILL OVERCOME THAT FACT. I THINK YOU'LL GET INCREASED
22 TOURISM. I THINK YOU'LL GET INCREASED TOURISM. AND YOU'LL SEE
23 HEADLINES WITH EDITORIAL COLUMNS THAT SAY THINGS LIKE "L.A.,
24 THE ANTI-SEMITIC CAPITAL OF THE U.S." ALONG WITH PHOTOS OF
25 HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS PICKETING THE MUSIC CENTER. HERE'S THE



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1 INCREASED TOURISM I THINK YOU'LL GET. YOU'LL GET MAHMOUD
2 AHMADINEJAD, THE PRESIDENT OF IRAN, HE'S GOING TO COME. YOU'LL
3 GET LOUIS FARRAKHAN. YOU'LL GET DAVID DUKE. YOU'LL GET DAVID
4 IRVING, THE LEADING HOLOCAUST DENIER, HE'LL COME, TOO. EVERY
5 NAZI ORGANIZATION WILL COME AND ASK FOR A PARADE PERMIT HERE
6 SO THEY CAN PLAY WAGNER'S MUSIC WHILE THEY WALK DOWN FAIRFAX.
7 AND YOU WILL HAVE TO GRANT THEM SINCE THEY'LL JUST SAY THEY'RE
8 SEPARATING THE MAN FROM HIS MUSIC. AND I PREDICT THAT
9 ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE WIESENTHAL CENTER, PEOPLE LIKE ELIE
10 WIESEL, ABE FOXMAN FROM A.D.L., RELIGIOUS LEADERS FROM EVERY
11 PULPIT IN L.A. WILL CONDEMN THIS FESTIVAL ONCE IT STARTS.
12 THEY'RE NOT HYPED UP ABOUT IT YET BECAUSE IT HASN'T STARTED.
13 BUT ONCE IT DOES, THEY WILL. AND ONCE THAT STORM STARTS, NO
14 ONE IS GOING TO RECALL THE POLITICAL CORRECTNESS OF SEPARATING
15 WAGNER'S ANTI-SEMITIC IDEAS FROM HIS MUSIC. PLEASE SUPPORT MR.
16 ANTONOVICH ON HIS RECOMMENDATION AND SAVE THE CITY AND THE
17 COUNTY A LOT OF GRIEF.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

20

21 **CARIE DELMAR:** I'M CARIE DELMAR, AND I'VE BEEN SPEARHEADING A
22 CAMPAIGN TO BROADEN THE FOCUS OF RING FESTIVAL L.A. I'M AN
23 OPERA CRITIC AND A DAUGHTER OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS. MY FATHER
24 WAS AN OPERA SINGER IN VIENNA AND PRAGUE, BUT TRAGICALLY LOST
25 HIS VOICE WHEN MY PARENTS WERE IN AN INTERNMENT CAMP. I DO NOT



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1 OPPOSE THE RING CYCLE PERFORMANCES. BUT I CANNOT FATHOM THE
2 IDEA THAT WE WILL BE HAVING THE LARGEST ARTS FESTIVAL SINCE
3 1984 IN L.A. AND THAT IT SHOULD ALL BE IN DEVOTION OR IN
4 GLORIFICATION OF THE RABID ANTI-SEMITIC, RICHARD WAGNER, WHO
5 ESPOUSED -- HE WAS THE FORERUNNER OF NAZISM AND INSPIRED
6 HITLER'S FINAL SOLUTION, OR GENOCIDE. SUCH A MASSIVE ARTS
7 FESTIVAL HONORING WAGNER IS WAGNER IDOLATRY. WAGNER LIKENED
8 JEWS TO INSECT LIFE WITH SQUEAKING VOICES AND THEN CREATED
9 JEWISH CARICATURES TO MATCH HIS THEORIES. MY FATHER'S SAYING,
10 BACK MESSER. HE SANG THE ROLE AND THINNED THE QUALITY OF HIS
11 VOICE TO SING THE ROLE BECAUSE THAT WAS ONE OF THE JEWISH
12 STEREOTYPES. WAGNER'S FAMILY MEMBERS HAD EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO
13 CLEAN UP HIS LEGACY, BUT THEY BECAME NAZIS INSTEAD. KATERINA
14 WAGNER RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT SHE WOULD OPEN UP THE ARCHIVES
15 IN BAYREUTH, SO THAT HISTORIANS COULD DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF
16 THE FAMILY'S NAZI PAST. L.A. OPERA CONTENDS THAT YOU CAN
17 SEPARATE THE MAN FROM THE MUSIC AND THAT THE COMPANY IS
18 HONORING THE LATTER. ACCORDING TO WAGNER HIMSELF, THE
19 SEVERANCE OF THE ARTIST FROM THE MAN IS AS BRAINLESS AN
20 ATTEMPT AS THE DIVORCE OF SOUL FROM BODY. THE BOARD IS ON
21 RECORD AS OPPOSING GENOCIDE, WHETHER IT IS IN DARFUR OR IN
22 ARMENIA. TO ALLOW THIS HOMAGE TO WAGNER WITHOUT MUCH MORE
23 SPECIFIC BALANCE AND OVERSIGHT FROM THE BOARD WOULD MAKE A
24 MOCKERY OF THE FINE WORK THIS BOARD HAS DONE AND THE VALUES IT
25 HAS EXPRESSED. RIGHT NOW, ON L.A. OPERA'S LIST OF EVENTS,



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1 THERE IS NO BALANCE. AND THE COMPANY SHOWS NO INDICATION THAT
2 IT WILL PRESENT ALL SIDES OF THE WAGNER STORY, THAT THE MAN
3 AND THE MUSIC ARE ONE. I CLOSE WITH A QUOTE SENT TO ME FROM
4 LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSIONER, HOWARD WINKLER. HE SAYS "AS A
5 FIRST GENERATION AMERICAN, THE SON OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS, I
6 AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY FESTIVAL THAT WOULD GLORIFY THE
7 NAME OF THAT LOW-LIFE NAZI SYMPATHIZER, WAGNER." I BESEECH YOU
8 TO PLEASE VOTE IN FAVOR OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION FOR
9 BALANCE. THERE IS NO BALANCE NOW. THERE IS NO BALANCE IN THE
10 ALTERNATE PROPOSAL. THERE ARE NO CHECKS AND BALANCES ON L.A.
11 OPERA SO THAT THE BOARD CAN OVERSEE THAT THESE EVENTS DO, IN
12 FACT, OCCUR. RIGHT NOW, THEY SAID THEY WERE GOING TO INVITE
13 GOTTFRIED WAGNER. HE WAS NEVER INVITED. HE WANTS TO COME HERE.
14 THERE IS NO FUNDING FOR HIM TO COME HERE. HE WANTS TO TELL HIS
15 SIDE, WHICH IS THAT THE MAN AND THE MUSIC -- AND HE'S THE
16 GREAT GRANDSON OF WAGNER -- ARE ONE. I HANDED YOU AN ESSAY BY
17 PAUL LAWRENCE ROSE, WHOSE VOICE IS NOT HERE, TO SAY THAT THEY
18 ARE NOT ONE IS WRONG. THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT DO KNOW.
19 HE IS A GREAT SCHOLAR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, PENN
20 STATE UNIVERSITY, WHO HAS WRITTEN EXTENSIVELY. PLEASE, BEFORE
21 YOU MAKE ANY VOTES, LOOK AT THAT ESSAY THAT I SENT YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TIME'S UP.

24



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1 **CARIE DELMAR:** I'VE HIGHLIGHTED IT. AND YOU CAN SEE THAT WAGNER
2 AND THE MAN ARE ONE AND THE GENOCIDE ASPECTS OF IT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **CARIE DELMAR:** I DO ASK YOU PLEASE TO VOTE FOR THE MOTION.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. SIR? AND THEN I'M
9 GOING TO ASK BARRY SANDERS, STEVE ROUNDTREE.

10

11 **PETER GIMPEL:** EXCUSE ME, PETER GIMPEL I'M HERE. I HAVEN'T
12 SPOKEN YET.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I KNOW. WE'RE GOING TO CALL YOU. YOU'RE
15 THE NEXT SPEAKER. I'M CALLING SOME PEOPLE UP.

16

17 **PETER GIMPEL:** I MUST SAY I PROTEST.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO, YOU'RE GOING TO SPEAK. YOU GET TO
20 SPEAK. BARRY SANDERS, STEVE ROUNDTREE AND SETH BRYSK. OKAY.
21 MR. GIMPEL, GO AHEAD.

22

23 **PETER GIMPEL:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
24 PETER GIMPEL, I'M A CLASSICAL SCHOLAR AND A LAWYER AND
25 MEDIATOR BY TRAINING AND A POET, NOVELIST AND PUBLISHER OF



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1 BOOKS BY VOCATION. SOME OF YOU MAY REMEMBER MY FATHER, THE
2 GREAT PIANIST JAKOB GIMPEL, WHO PERFORMED MANY TIMES AT THE
3 MUSIC CENTER, THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL, AND ROYCE HALL. ZEV, I
4 BELIEVE YOU REMEMBER MY FATHER. FOR MANY YEARS, I HAD THE
5 FEELING THAT YOU WERE MY FATHER'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE NOT
6 ONLY HERE, BUT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. I'M SORRY THAT YOU'VE TAKEN
7 THE POSITION THAT YOU HAVE TODAY IN OPPOSITION TO MR.
8 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION. I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF THAT MOTION.
9 CONTRARY TO WHAT THE PRESS HAS BEEN REPORTING AND TO WHAT MR.
10 YAROSLAVSKY SEEMS TO HAVE UNDERSTOOD, WE ARE NOT PROTESTING
11 THE PERFORMANCE OF WAGNER'S OPERAS. WE RESPECT THE EXCELLENCE
12 OF HIS MUSIC. PEOPLE GENERALLY MAKE FESTIVALS FOR PERSONS THEY
13 ADMIRE. I AM AGHAST AT THE CITY'S AND COUNTY'S INVOLVEMENT IN
14 CELEBRATING THE PERSONALITY OF WAGNER, THUS REOPENING WOUNDS
15 THAT HAVE ONLY JUST BEGUN TO HEAL AND REOPENING ISSUES THAT
16 HAVE LONG BEEN SETTLED. I AM HORRIFIED BY THE ORWELLIAN
17 TACTICS EMPLOYED BY L.A. OPERA COMPANY IN THEIR EFFORTS TO
18 FOIST THIS FESTIVAL ON AN UNSUSPECTING PUBLIC. THESE TACTICS
19 BORDER ON HISTORICAL REVISIONISM, WHICH IS WORSE THAN ANTI-
20 SEMITISM BECAUSE PEOPLE LOVE AND HATE WITHOUT REASON, WHEREAS
21 REVISIONISM INVOLVES A CYNICAL AND DEPRAVED CONTEMPT FOR
22 TRUTH. I AM FRIGHTENED, BUT I AM NOT GOING TO WALK AWAY. I AM
23 FRIGHTENED BY L.A. OPERA'S PRESS RELEASE OF LAST NOVEMBER, SO
24 FULL OF BLATANT LIES AND HYPE. I AM FRIGHTENED BY RANDALL
25 SCHOENBERG'S OUTRAGEOUS AND OFFENSIVE STATEMENTS IN HIS



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1 ARTICLE PRINTED IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER IN SUPPORT OF WAGNER. I
2 AM FRIGHTENED BY THE PRESS'S AND MEDIA'S REFUSAL TO
3 ACKNOWLEDGE OUR PROTESTS IN A TRUTHFUL AND RESPONSIBLE MANNER.
4 I AM FRIGHTENED BY THE POLICE WHO HAD ME REMOVED FROM LAST
5 MAY'S HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL CELEBRATION WHEN I TRIED TO ASK WHY
6 THE PRESIDENT OF THE HOLOCAUST MUSEUM WAS PROMOTING THE WAGNER
7 FESTIVAL. I AM FRIGHTENED BY ATTEMPTS TO REOPEN THE LONG-
8 SETTLED QUESTION OF WAGNER'S ANTI-SEMITISM AND HIS SHARE OF
9 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HOLOCAUST. HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, I
10 TRUST THAT YOU ARE ALL GOOD AND WELL-MEANING PEOPLE. I DO NOT
11 KNOW WHERE YOU ARE COMING FROM WITH THIS FESTIVAL, BUT I DO
12 KNOW WHAT IS BOUND TO COME FROM IT. YOU ARE VALIDATING WHAT
13 THIS DESPICABLE INDIVIDUAL STOOD FOR AND GIVING PERMISSION TO
14 THE MASSES TO EMULATE HIM. YOU ARE WAVING A BANNER THAT SAYS
15 "WELCOME, NAZIS, WELCOME WHITE SUPREMICISTS." IN SHORT, YOU
16 HAVE PUT YOURSELVES BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE, FOR THE
17 MORE YOU COVER UP THE TRUE PERSONALITY OF RICHARD WAGNER, THE
18 MORE YOU CATER TO THE REVISIONISTS. AND THE MORE YOU ADVERTISE
19 HIS ANTI-SEMITISM, HIS RACISM, HIS CHAUVINISM, HIS DISLOYALTY
20 TO HIS FELLOW MAN, THE LOUDER YOU ARE CELEBRATING HIM.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP? YOUR TIME IS
23 EXPIRED.

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1 **PETER GIMPEL:** THE LOUDER YOU ARE CELEBRATING HIM SHOUTS YOUR
2 APPROVAL OF THOSE THINGS. FORTUNATELY, YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU
3 TODAY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION WHICH OFFERS YOU AND
4 EVERYBODY ELSE INVOLVED THE ONLY DIGNIFIED AND APPROPRIATE WAY
5 OUT OF THIS DILEMMA. BROADEN THE FESTIVAL AND MAKE IT A
6 CELEBRATION OF ALL THE GREAT COMPOSERS OF OPERA. THANK YOU
7 VERY MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT, MR. SANDERS OR MR.
10 ROUNDTREE, WHOEVER WANTS TO GO FIRST.

11

12 **STEVE ROUNDTREE:** HI, I'M STEVE ROUNDTREE, I'M PRESIDENT OF THE
13 MUSIC CENTER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. BUT I'M HERE TODAY IN MY
14 OTHER JOB AS CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF THE LOS ANGELES OPERA
15 COMPANY. I WANT TO SPEAK TODAY FROM PLACIDO DOMINGO, JAMES
16 CONLON, AND MARK STERN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE
17 OPERA. THANK THE BOARD FOR YOUR STEADFAST SUPPORT OF THE MUSIC
18 CENTER AND THE L.A. OPERA OVER 45 YEARS. I SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF
19 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S SUBSTITUTE MOTION. I THINK HIS MOTION
20 CAPTURES PERFECTLY OUR INTENT AND OUR ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO
21 THE RING FESTIVAL L.A. THIS IS A CELEBRATION OF ARTS IN LOS
22 ANGELES. IT'S THE FIRST TIME IN 25 YEARS, THE FIRST TIME IN
23 THIS COUNTRY THAT OVER 75 OF OUR WONDERFUL ARTS ORGANIZATIONS
24 IN THIS COUNTY HAVE COME TOGETHER TO PRESENT AND CELEBRATE
25 WORKS OF ART WHILE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD



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1 COME HERE FOR THIS MONUMENTAL PERFORMANCE OF WAGNER'S RING
2 SINGLE. THE FESTIVAL IS NOT ABOUT RICHARD WAGNER. IT'S ABOUT
3 MUSIC AND ART IN LOS ANGELES. FROM THE OUTSET, WE HAVE REACHED
4 OUT TO BRING IN AMERICAN JEWISH UNIVERSITY, THE SKIRBALL
5 CENTER, U.C.L.A., AND S.C. TO DEAL WITH ISSUES OF WAGNER IN
6 HIS TIME, IN HIS ANTI-SEMITISM, AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO DOING
7 THAT AND WE'RE CONTINUING TO BRING PARTNERS IN. SO I URGE YOU
8 TO VOTE IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S SUBSTITUTE
9 MOTION. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. SANDERS?

12

13 **BARRY SANDERS:** YES, SUPERVISOR KNABE, THANK YOU. MEMBERS OF
14 THE BOARD, I'M BARRY SANDERS. I AM A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
15 DIRECTORS AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF L.A. OPERA, AND I
16 HAVE BEEN ASKED, 18 MONTHS AGO, TO LEAD THIS FESTIVAL. AND IT
17 IS AN HONOR TO DO SO AS WELL AS IT'S AN HONOR TO DESCRIBE IT
18 TO YOU TODAY. I SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION. I
19 THINK IT DOES GIVE AN ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF WHAT WE ARE
20 DOING AND WHAT WE PLAN TO DO. WE ARE HAVING A CELEBRATION, NOT
21 A CELEBRATION OF WAGNER. THIS IS RING FESTIVAL L.A., NOT
22 WAGNER FESTIVAL. AND WE HAVE MUCH TO CELEBRATE. THIS IS A
23 PERFORMANCE WE'RE DOING AT THE OPERA OF WHAT IS THE WORLD
24 SERIES OF OPERA. AN ENORMOUS UNDERTAKING, ONE OVER 10 YEARS'
25 DURATION, ENORMOUS FUNDS AND EFFORT AND ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE



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1 SPENT ON THIS. AND WE MUST NOT ALLOW THIS TO PASS WITHOUT
2 OPENING IT UP TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
3 THAT'S WHAT THE FESTIVAL DOES THAT THE PERFORMANCES THEMSELVES
4 CANNOT DO. ONLY 7,500 OR SO ANGELINOS WILL BE ABLE TO HOLD
5 TICKETS AND ENTER THE DOROTHY CHANDLER TO SEE THE THREE CYCLES
6 OF THE RING. THE IDEA OF THE FESTIVAL IS TO TAKE THIS
7 CELEBRATION, CELEBRATION OF OUR PERFORMANCE OF THE RING, THE
8 CELEBRATION OF WHAT'S HAPPENED IN THIS COUNTY, WITH ALL THE
9 EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL ARTS ORGANIZATIONS IN THE 25 YEARS SINCE
10 THE OLYMPIC ARTS FESTIVAL, 25 YEARS SINCE THIS OPERA COMPANY
11 WAS FOUNDED, AND CELEBRATE WHERE WE'VE COME AND SHOW IT TO OUR
12 OWN PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND SHOW IT TO THE WORLD.
13 THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING. AND IN DOING IT, WE DO NOT CELEBRATE
14 THIS DESPICABLE ANTI-SEMITES. YOU CAN'T CELEBRATE HIM. MAKING
15 HIM LOOK GOOD IS NOT ONLY BEYOND OUR INTENTION, IT'S BEYOND
16 OUR POWERS. WE DO HAVE A PLETHORA OF SEMINARS, SYMPOSIA ON THE
17 PHILOSOPHY AND DESPICABLE PERSONALITY AND BIGOTRY OF THIS MAN,
18 WHO AT THE SAME TIME CREATED GREAT ART. FASCINATING SUBJECT TO
19 DISCUSS. SOME WOULD HAVE US PLAY THE MUSIC BUT NOT DISCUSS
20 HIM. WE CAN DISCUSS HIM AND WE CAN TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT HIM.
21 THAT'S WHAT WE DO. AND ONE LAST COMMENT, JUST LAST NIGHT, I
22 ATTENDED OUR BRIEFING SESSION FOR PEOPLE IN OUR SPEAKERS'
23 BUREAU. DURING THE NEXT YEAR, WE'LL HAVE OVER 200 SPEECHES,
24 TALKS ALL OVER THE COUNTY BY PEOPLE WHO WERE BRIEFED LAST
25 NIGHT BY KENNETH REINHARD, CHILD OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS,



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1 FORMER HEAD OF U.C.L.A.'S JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAM, PROFESSOR AT
2 U.C.L.A., ON THE NATURE OF THE BIGOTRY AND PERSONALITY OF
3 RICHARD WAGNER. SO AS QUESTIONS ARISE AND EVEN BEFORE THEY
4 ARISE, AND EVEN AS THEY ARE DISCUSSING THE MUSIC, THEY CAN
5 MAKE THIS THE TEACHING MOMENT IT WILL BE. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO ASK DR. CLAVREUL
8 AND ARNOLD SACHS TO JOIN US, PLEASE. GO AHEAD SETH.

9

10 **SETH BRYSK:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME AGAIN
11 IS SETH BRYSK. I'M THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR AMERICAN JEWISH
12 COMMITTEE AND THE SON OF A HOLOCAUST REFUGEE. MOST OF MY
13 FAMILY PERISHED IN THE HOLOCAUST. AND I COME BEFORE YOU TODAY
14 TO ALSO EMPHASIZE THE FACT THAT RICHARD WAGNER WAS ONE OF THE
15 WORST ANTI-SEMITES THAT HISTORY HAS EVER KNOWN. THAT'S WELL-
16 KNOWN AND WELL-DOCUMENTED, AND TO SAY THAT HIS WAS THE
17 INSPIRATION, IN MANY WAYS, FOR ONE OF THE WORST CRIMES
18 HUMANITY HAS EVER KNOWN. HAVING SAID ALL THAT, I COME BEFORE
19 YOU TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION. IT'S
20 BECAUSE OF HIS ANTI-SEMITISM, OF RICHARD WAGNER'S ANTI-
21 SEMITISM, IT'S BECAUSE OF THE DESPICABLE NATURE OF THE BELIEFS
22 THAT HE HELD THAT A FESTIVAL LIKE THIS SHOULD DELVE INTO THE
23 VERY ISSUES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO LOOK INTO. THAT THE ART
24 EXISTS, IT'S WELL KNOWN AND PEOPLE ENJOY. IT SHOULD BE ALLOWED
25 TO BE ENJOYED. THAT'S THE PROTECTION OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION



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1 AND FREEDOM OF SPEECH. BUT THE FACT THAT THAT MUSIC WAS
2 PRODUCED BY ONE OF THE MOST HATEFUL HUMAN BEINGS, SOMEBODY
3 WHO, AS YOU'VE HEARD, ESPOUSED NOT ONLY HATRED OF JEWS BUT
4 HATRED IN SO MANY DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS AND INSPIRED OTHERS TO
5 HATE, THAT NEEDS TO BE EXAMINED. THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED.
6 AND I THINK THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHOULD BE PROUD TO BE
7 ABLE TO HOST A FESTIVAL LIKE THIS, TO BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE
8 THE MATURITY AND THE SOPHISTICATION TO NOT ONLY PRESENT THE
9 ART BUT ALSO TO LOOK INTO THE UNDERLYING ISSUES. AND SO I
10 SUPPORT, ONCE AGAIN, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION. THANK
11 YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DR. CLAVREUL?

14

15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
16 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I THINK BEING BORN IN PARIS THE LAST
17 DAYS THE GERMANS BOMBED PARIS AND HAVING MY TWO BROTHERS BE IN
18 CONCENTRATION CAMPS FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, I HAVE BEEN RAISED
19 IN A TOTAL JEWISH NEIGHBORHOOD IN PARIS. WE WERE TWO GENTILES
20 IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD IN MY SCHOOL YEARS. I THINK IT IS TERRIBLE
21 TO SEE THE GREATNESS OF THE MUSIC BEING DISCARDED. I THINK THE
22 WAY I SUPPORT YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S THE
23 RIGHT THING TO DO. I THINK TO HAVE THE POSSIBILITY TO LISTEN
24 TO WAGNER, BUT ALSO TO HAVE THE POSSIBILITY TO HEAR ABOUT HIS
25 OWN NARROW MINDED BAD TEMPER AND BAD JUDGMENT IS GOING TO BE



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1 COVERED, FROM WHAT I CAN UNDERSTAND, IT'S GOING TO BE SEMINARS
2 AND CLASSES AND SO ON. AND I THINK THAT'S FANTASTIC. I THINK
3 YOU CANNOT TRUE -- NONE OF US ARE PERFECT. AND I THINK
4 ESPECIALLY IN HEARTS. THOSE PEOPLE BECOME ARTISTIC AND GOOD
5 BECAUSE THEY ARE SOMETIMES VERY WEIRD. AND YOU CANNOT REMOVE
6 THEIR PERSONALITY WITH THEIR MUSIC. BUT ALSO, I WAS NOT GOING
7 TO SPEAK TO THAT ITEM BECAUSE YOU KNOW I ALWAYS FOCUS ON
8 HEALTH. BUT SINCE YOU REMOVED MY -- THE NO. 11 ITEM, I DIDN'T
9 WANT TO DO IT IN PUBLIC COMMENT. SO PUBLIC COMMENT IS JUST FOR
10 ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. SO I'M ASKING YOU TO CORRECT AND
11 CURE. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THE MOTION REALLY DOESN'T DO
16 ANYTHING MORE THAN THE STATUS QUO THAT WE HAVE. THE ATTEMPT
17 THAT I HAD PUT FORTH IN THE MOTION I HAD BROUGHT WAS TO ENSURE
18 THAT THERE WOULD BE ADDITIONAL BALANCE BEING DEVELOPED IN
19 THIS. YOU HAVE OVER 70 LECTURES, SYMPOSIUMS BEING CONDUCTED,
20 BUT ONLY HAVING A COUPLE THAT DEAL WITH THE ANTI-SEMITIC AND
21 THE HATE THAT WAS GENERATED FROM THIS COMPOSER IS NOT REALLY A
22 BALANCE, OR NOT INCLUDING OTHER COMPOSERS TO HAVE A
23 CELEBRATION OF THE VARIOUS COMPOSERS AND NOT HAVE IT TURN INTO
24 A CELEBRATION OF A PERSON WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GENERATING
25 AND EXPLODING THE HATE AND EVILS IN THIS WORLD. SOME PEOPLE



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1 MADE SOME SUGGESTIONS IN THE COMMENTS THAT I'M SURE THERE'S
2 GOING TO BE A LOT OF THE HATE GROUPS THAT WILL LOVE TO HAVE
3 FRONT ROW SEATS AT THE OPERA SO THEY CAN CHEER ON THEIR
4 SATANIC HERO. BUT IF L.A. OPERA OUGHT TO BE PUTTING FORTH
5 ADDITIONAL SENSITIVITY AND BALANCE AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE
6 TO THE PRESENT FESTIVAL, THEN I WOULD LIKE TO AMEND
7 YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION TO REQUEST THAT L.A. OPERA CONTINUE TO
8 ADD MUSICAL EVENTS, SYMPOSIUM AND CONFERENCES WITH BALANCED
9 VIEWPOINTS ABOUT THE EVILS OF WAGNER'S PHILOSOPHY AND
10 PROACTIVELY RECRUIT, SECURE ADDITIONAL OPERATIC TALENT TO
11 CREATE A BALANCED PERSPECTIVE AND CONTENTS TO THE EVENTS
12 SURROUNDING THE RING. ALL WE'RE ASKING FOR IS BALANCE.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE IS BALANCE IN THIS FESTIVAL. MAYBE NOT
15 BALANCE TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE, BUT THERE IS
16 BALANCE. AND I REALLY REJECT THE NOTION THAT THIS FESTIVAL HAS
17 BEEN WITHOUT BALANCE. AND IT'S AN INSULT TO MR. SANDERS AND
18 MR. ROUNDTREE AND TO PLACIDO DOMINGO, AND TO JAMES CONLON, AND
19 TO THE WHOLE OPERA TEAM WHO DIDN'T DO IT BECAUSE WE ASKED THEM
20 TO DO IT. THEY DID IT ON THEIR OWN. THEY WERE SENSITIVE. THEY
21 UNDERSTOOD WHAT THE IMPLICATIONS ARE. AND THEY UNDERSTOOD WHAT
22 THE OPPORTUNITIES WERE TO EXPLORE THIS KIND OF AN ISSUE
23 THROUGH THE FESTIVAL. AND THE ORGANIZERS OF THE FESTIVAL
24 THEMSELVES. SO I'M NOT GOING TO SUPPORT YOUR AMENDMENT BECAUSE
25 IT'S AN IMPLICATION THAT THEY HAVEN'T DONE ENOUGH. I THINK



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1 THEY'VE DONE QUITE A BIT. AND I THINK WE SHOULD KEEP OUR
2 STICKY FINGERS OUT OF THIS. THIS IS NOT A ROLE, ESPECIALLY
3 GIVEN THE WAY THE OPERA AND THE FESTIVAL HAS BEHAVED AND
4 UNDERTAKEN THIS EFFORT, THERE IS NO REASON FOR US TO MEDDLE,
5 FOR POLITICIANS TO MEDDLE IN AN ARTISTIC UNDERTAKING. I THINK
6 THERE'S PLENTY OF RHETORIC ON THIS THAT HAS APPEARED ON BLOGS,
7 ON THE L.A. TIMES'S BLOG ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS ISSUE THAT HAVE
8 BEEN VERY ELOQUENT. NOBODY SHOULD DIMINISH THE OPPONENTS OF
9 THE FESTIVAL AND THEIR CONCERNS. I UNDERSTAND IT AS WELL AS
10 THEY UNDERSTAND IT. BUT I DO THINK IT'S AN UNFORTUNATE THING,
11 MIKE, THAT YOU SEEM TO EITHER IGNORE WHAT THEY HAVE DONE OR WE
12 JUST HAVE A DISAGREEMENT ON WHETHER THEY'VE DONE ENOUGH. I
13 THINK THIS IS AN INCREDIBLY BALANCED THING. I DON'T THINK
14 THERE'S EVER BEEN A RING FESTIVAL ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD WHERE
15 ANY EXPLORATION OF RICHARD WAGNER'S ANTI-SEMITISM AND BIGOTRY
16 WAS EXPLORED AT ALL, LET ALONE TO THIS EXTENT, EVER. AND THE
17 REASON YOU DON'T HAVE ANY JEWISH ORGANIZATION IN THIS TOWN
18 SUPPORTING YOUR POINT OF VIEW, AND THE REASON YOU DON'T HAVE
19 ANY CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING YOU VIEW IS BECAUSE
20 THEY UNDERSTAND THIS. AND THAT'S WHY I DON'T SUPPORT YOUR
21 MOTION, BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND THIS. THIS IS THE WAY THAT AN
22 OPERA AND A COMMUNITY -- SOMEBODY SAID IT, A MATURE, IT
23 REFLECTS THE MATURITY OF A COMMUNITY THAT CAN UNDERTAKE THIS
24 KIND OF A RING CYCLE AND A FESTIVAL AND EXPLORE IT, THE GOOD,
25 THE BAD AND THE UGLY OF THIS MAN, AND THERE WAS PLENTY OF ALL.



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1 SO I'M NOT GOING TO SUPPORT THE MOTION. STICK WITH THE --
2 YOU'RE RIGHT. MY MOTION IS A REFLECTION OF THE STATUS QUO,
3 BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT THE STATUS QUO, AS IT REPRESENTS WHAT
4 THE OPERA AND THE FESTIVAL HAVE DONE, HAS BEEN A GOOD PRODUCT.
5 AND WHAT WE ASKED THEM TO DO IS TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON WHAT
6 THEY'VE SAID THEY'RE GOING TO DO, WIDELY DISSEMINATE THAT
7 INFORMATION SO THAT PEOPLE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO, WHEN THEY
8 HEAR ABOUT THIS MAN, THAT THEY DON'T JUST THINK ABOUT THE
9 MUSIC BUT THEY ALSO THINK ABOUT THE OTHER ASPECTS OF HIS LIFE
10 AND THE TOTAL CONTEXT IN WHICH HIS LIFE AND TIMES WERE
11 CONDUCTED.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAVING TWO SYMPOSIUMS OUT OF 70 PLUS IS
14 BALANCE. I THINK THAT'S THE TYPE OF BALANCE THAT WENT SCREWY
15 IN SACRAMENTO. THAT'S NOT BALANCE. THAT'S NOT REACHING OUT,
16 ENSURING THAT WE HAVE A REAL THOUGHT-OUT PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES
17 ALL POINTS OF VIEWS. BUT HAVING A BALANCE IS ONE OF BALANCE
18 AND NOT WEIGHTED IN ONE AREA THAT PORTRAYS AND PROJECTS AN
19 INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SO MUCH HATE AS A HERO.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION IS BEFORE
22 US. ROLL CALL.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** EXCUSE ME ON THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION,
25 SUPERVISOR MOLINA?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AYE.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE MOTION PASSES.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING DOWN.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. I HAVE SOME ADJOURNMENTS.

23 FIRST OF ALL, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ERNEST BELLENBAUM

24 OF CERRITOS WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. HE SERVED ON A

25 LIVERY SHIP DURING WORLD WAR II. AFTER THE WAR, HE MARRIED



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1 PAULINE AND THEY RAISED THEIR FAMILY IN CERRITOS. HE WORKED
2 FOR THE LONG BEACH NAVAL SHIPYARD FOR 35 YEARS. HE WILL BE
3 REMEMBERED FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE HOLY FAMILY
4 CATHOLIC CHURCH, LOVE OF HIS FAMILY, DANCING, AND HIS VERY
5 PLEASANT DISPOSITION. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS FIVE CHILDREN,
6 PAULINE, MARY ANN, ERNEST, PAUL, AND RICHARD; TEN
7 GRANDCHILDREN, AND TWO SISTERS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
8 OF ALVIN OKAMURA, WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. HE WILL BE SORELY
9 MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE WAS A VETERAN. HE IS
10 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JANET, AND DAUGHTER, PEARL. AND THEN
11 ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARJORIE TISDALL, A LONGTIME
12 RESIDENT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 30TH. SHE
13 WAS 91 YEARS OLD. A GRADUATE OF POLY HIGH SCHOOL IN LONG BEACH
14 AND LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE. SHE WORKED AT DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT,
15 WHERE SHE MET HER HUSBAND AND RAISED THEIR FAMILY IN LONG
16 BEACH. SHE ENJOYED GARDENING, BOOKS, SINGING IN THE CHURCH
17 CHOIR. SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, SUZANNE; SISTER, MADELYN; SIX
18 GRANDCHILDREN, FIFTEEN GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, NUMEROUS NIECES
19 AND NEPHEWS. AND SHE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL. THOSE ARE MY
20 ADJOURNMENTS. SO ORDERED. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER ITEMS ON THE
21 AGENDA?

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE DO. ITEM 22. THERE'S ONE SPEAKER. I
24 BELIEVE IT'S ARNOLD SACHS. MR. SACHS HERE? OKAY. IF NOT, ON
25 ITEM 22, ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OF STAFF? IF NOT, MOVED BY



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1 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

2 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THEN ON ITEM NO. 17, I BELIEVE THERE'S
5 ONE SPEAKER.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON ITEM 17, HEATHER AUBRY, COME FORWARD,
8 PLEASE.

9

10 **HEATHER AUBRY:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
11 IS HEATHER AUBRY, I SPEAK TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES
12 COUNTY COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PROCEDURES AS THE VICE CHAIR OF
13 THAT COMMITTEE. COUNCILMAN DENNIS ZINE IS SORRY HE CANNOT BE
14 HERE TODAY, HE IS ENGAGED WITH THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL.
15 I'M HERE TODAY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NO. 17,
16 SPECIFICALLY THE FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAMS THAT ALLOW THE SAFE
17 CHILD CUSTODY EXCHANGE AND THE FAMILY VISITATION. THESE ARE
18 VERY IMPORTANT PROGRAMS WHICH THE COMMISSION HAS SUPPORTED FOR
19 MANY YEARS, AND THEY WILL INSURE THAT CHILDREN ARE SAFE IN
20 THEIR EXCHANGE AND IN THEIR VISITATION WITH FAMILY MEMBERS. SO
21 WE VERY MUCH THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, PARTICULARLY
22 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WHO DID IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL FUNDING.
23 AND WE THANK HIM VERY MUCH FOR THAT. SO THANK YOU THIS MORNING
24 ON BEHALF OF THE JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ITEM 17? MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
6 ANTONOVICH. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
7 ORDERED. ITEM 63 WE HAVE A REPORT BY THE C.E.O. ON THE STATUS
8 OF OUR FAVORITE TOPIC, THE STATE BUDGET SITUATION AND THE
9 IMPACT ON THE REGISTERED WARRANTS.

10

11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AS OF THIS DATE, WE RECEIVED \$33.6 MILLION IN
12 REGISTERED WARRANTS, OF WHICH 10.9 HAS BEEN EXCHANGED FOR
13 CASH. UNFORTUNATELY, BANK OF AMERICA, WELLS FARGO, AND UNION
14 BANK HAVE HALTED ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED WARRANTS AS OF JULY
15 10TH. THERE'S ONE -- I THINK ACTUALLY THERE ARE TWO BANKS WHO
16 CONTINUE TO ACCEPT REGISTERED WARRANTS, BUT THEY HAVE A LIMIT
17 OF \$100,000 FOR EACH WARRANT. SO EFFECTIVELY, WE REALLY DON'T
18 HAVE AN OPTION FOR THE REGISTERED WARRANTS AT THIS POINT IN
19 TIME. \$100,000 IS INSIGNIFICANT TO MEET OUR NEEDS. AS I STATED
20 EARLIER, WITH RESPECT TO THE STATE BUDGET, WE'RE STILL NOT
21 RECEIVING ANY DETAIL FROM SACRAMENTO. WE KNOW THAT THEY BEING
22 THE RESPECTIVE LEADERS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE, ARE MEETING
23 WITH THEIR PEERS TO DISCUSS THIS PROPOSAL, BUT WE HAVEN'T SEEN
24 ANY SPECIFIC DETAILS AT THIS POINT. THERE'S ONE ITEM THAT I
25 WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT, THOUGH. WE DO KNOW THAT IN ADDITION



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1 TO WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IN REDEVELOPMENT IN THE H.U.T.A.
2 MONEY, THAT THERE WILL BE A CUT TO OUR SINGLE ALLOCATION
3 PROGRAM AS ADMINISTERED THROUGH D.P.S.S. WE DON'T HAVE THE
4 EXACT FIGURE RIGHT NOW, BUT KNOW THAT, I THINK REMEMBER LAST
5 YEAR WE HAD A \$50 MILLION CURTAILMENT. AND SO ESSENTIALLY, AS
6 WE WENT THROUGH THE BUDGET PROCESS LAST YEAR, WE WENT THROUGH
7 A VERY DETAILED ANALYSIS THAT IDENTIFIED WHAT COULD BE
8 ELIMINATED, WHAT COULD BE CONSOLIDATED, AND WHAT EFFICIENCIES
9 COULD BE FOUND WITHIN THE PROGRAM SUPPORTED THROUGH THE SINGLE
10 ALLOCATION. A SUBSEQUENT CUT THAT WILL HAPPEN THIS YEAR AS A
11 CONSEQUENCE OF THIS PROPOSED BUDGET, WILL HAVE A VERY
12 SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES SUPPORTED
13 THROUGH THE SINGLE ALLOCATION, AND WITH THAT THE STAFF
14 ASSIGNED TO THOSE PROGRAMS. IN ADDITION, WE ALSO HEARD THAT
15 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAD A QUESTION ABOUT WHAT THE POTENTIAL
16 IMPACT WILL BE THROUGH THE STATE BUDGET ON OUR FIRE DISTRICT.
17 SHOULD WE GO DOWN THE ROUTE OF THE SUSPENSION OF PROP 1-A.
18 POTENTIALLY \$44 MILLION COULD BE BORROWED FROM THE FIRE
19 DISTRICT, OR A TOTAL HIT FOR THE COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND IS
20 APPROXIMATELY \$302 MILLION.

21
22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IT'S 44 MILLION FOR THE FIRE AND 24 --

23
24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF PROP 1-A IS ENACTED AND THEY DECIDED TO
25 BORROW MONEY THROUGH THE SUSPENSION OF PROPOSITION 1-A, IT



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1 COULD BE AS MUCH AS 44 MILLION FROM OUR FIRE DISTRICT AND AS
2 HIGH AS 302 MILLION FROM OUR GENERAL FUND. A VERY SIGNIFICANT
3 CONCERN WE HAVE IS WHETHER OR NOT WE'LL HAVE THE ABILITY TO
4 SECURITIZE THOSE FUNDS, TO BORROW AGAINST THOSE FUNDS. WE
5 UNDERSTAND THAT THE PROPOSAL HAS SOME LANGUAGE THAT TIGHTENS
6 THE SECURITIZATION PROCESS. BUT WE'RE STILL CONCERNED, GIVEN
7 THE STATE'S DISMAL CREDIT RATING, AND WITH THAT THEIR
8 FINANCES, IS WHETHER WE'LL HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO THAT.
9 UNFORTUNATELY, AGAIN, WE DON'T HAVE THE DETAIL TO ADDRESS THAT
10 RIGHT NOW. BUT SHOULD THE STATE LACK THE ABILITY TO OFFER THE
11 SECURITIZATION OF THE FUNDS WHICH THEY DID FOUR YEARS AGO, WAS
12 IT ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO WHEN THAT HAPPENED? THEN THE IMPACT TO
13 US BECOMES SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER. THAT'S IT AT THIS TIME. ANY
14 QUESTIONS?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN EITHER CASE, WITH OR WITHOUT
19 SECURITIZATION, IT'S MUCH MORE COSTLY -- CERTAINLY IT'S FAR
20 MORE COSTLY TO US TO HAVE THE REDEVELOPMENT GRAB THAN IT IS TO
21 HAVE THE 1-A DEAL.

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WITHOUT THE SECURITIZATION, I STILL
2 THINK WE'RE AHEAD ON THE 1-A THAN WE WOULD BE WITH A
3 REDEVELOPMENT GRAB, BECAUSE THEY CAN ONLY TAKE SO MUCH UNDER
4 THE PROP 1-A. THE REDEVELOPMENT GOES ON FOR 40 YEARS. IT'S \$10
5 BILLION NET PRESENT VALUE, CORRECT?

6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. IT'S THE WORST OF TWO
8 EVILS.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EXACTLY.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EITHER WAY WE LOSE.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EITHER WAY WE LOSE, BUT ONE WAY YOU LOSE A
15 LITTLE WORSE THAN ANOTHER WAY.

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YEAH, ONE IS THAT ONE-YEAR HIT VERSUS A
18 MULTIPLE, FOUR, EIGHT, 10, DEPENDING, AS MUCH AS 40-YEAR HIT.
19 SO BOTH ARE EQUALLY BAD. ONE'S JUST WORSE THAN THE OTHER.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THEY'RE NOT EQUALLY BAD.

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YOU'RE RIGHT. I TAKE THAT BACK. ONE'S WORSE
24 THAN THE OTHER.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

2

3 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** BUT THAT INFORMATION WE'LL SHARE.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? OKAY. IF NOT,
6 THAT'S A RECEIVE AND FILE. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR
7 ADJOURNMENTS, PLEASE?

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A
10 FRIEND WHO, AND HER HUSBAND WERE SUPPORTERS OF MINE AND
11 FRIENDS FOR MANY YEARS, AND THAT'S JANE WEINBERGER, WHO PASSED
12 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91, WHO WAS THE WIDOW TO CASPAR WEINBERGER,
13 WHO WAS OUR FORMER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND ALSO WAS ALSO WAS
14 THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND ALSO SERVED IN THE
15 CABINET OF PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN AND GOVERNOR REAGAN. JANE
16 WAS A VERY LOYAL WASHINGTON WIFE DURING THREE REPUBLICAN
17 ADMINISTRATIONS. AND SHE PUBLISHED A BOOK DURING HER HUSBAND'S
18 FIRST TERM IN THE REAGAN CABINET. SHE ALSO FINISHED THE
19 REVENUES FROM THAT BOOK, "VIM," ABOUT A SELF-IMPORTANT LAB
20 MOUSE. AND THAT WAS A FUND THAT SHE PROVIDED FOR THE FUTURE
21 SCIENTISTS' FUND, THOSE PROCEEDS. AND HER SUBSEQUENT BOOK WAS
22 CALLED "KILTIE" AFTER THE FAMILY DOG. AND SHE FIRST MET "CAP"
23 WHEN SHE SERVED AS A NURSE DURING WORLD WAR II AND CAP WAS IN
24 THE ARMY. AND THEY MET ON A SHIP GOING OVERSEAS. AND THREE
25 WEEKS LATER, THEY BECAME HUSBAND AND WIFE AND WERE MARRIED FOR



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1 OVER 65 YEARS. JAMES JOSEPH STEGMAN PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
2 89. HE HAD JOINED THE MARINE CORPS AS A PRIVATE AND THEN LATER
3 RECEIVED HIS WINGS IN 1943 AND WENT TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC IN
4 WORLD WAR II, FLYING DIVE BOMBERS AND RECALLED ACTIVE DUTY IN
5 KOREA, WHERE HE FLEW MISSIONS AND JETS FOR 10 MONTHS AND
6 OBTAINED THE RANK OF MAJOR. HE BECAME A CIVILIAN AND WAS HIRED
7 BY DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT AND THEN BECAME THE CHIEF PRODUCTION TEST
8 PILOT AT THE ASSIGNMENT AT PALMDALE'S PLANT 42, UNTIL THE LAST
9 OF THE A4 SKY-HAWKS WERE ROLLED OUT. JENNY RANEE POLITANO FROM
10 LANCASTER, OWNER WITH HER HUSBAND OF THE FASHION FLOOR
11 COVERING. LUTHER "LUKE" HAMMONS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY,
12 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 67 YEARS, BILLIE. JO ALICE GENTRY,
13 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 78 FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHERE
14 SHE RETIRED FROM SECURITY PACIFIC BANK AND THEN JOINED THE
15 ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHICH CONSISTED OF
16 WORKING WITH THE PROGRAM, "THE KIDS ON THE BLOCK." JUDITH ANNE
17 BURHANS "JUDY" VAN SPLINTER, OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. SHE AND
18 HER HUSBAND, WHO WAS THEN A MEMBER OF THE AIR FORCE AT EDWARDS
19 AIR FORCE BASE. AND AFTER HE LEFT THE AIR FORCE REMAINED IN
20 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND PETER AND THEIR
21 CHILDREN. LUBO VUKMANOVICH FROM THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. HE WAS
22 A RETIREE FOR 39 YEARS WHERE HE WORKED WITH THE LOS ANGELES
23 DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER. ACTIVE MEMBER OF ST. SAVA
24 ORTHODOX CHURCH. AND GARY FAUS, A MARINE VETERAN WHO WAS A
25 VIETNAM VET WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 15TH. AND I WOULD LIKE TO



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1 MAKE THE FOLLOWING MOTION. "WATER AGENCIES ACROSS THE SOUTHERN
2 CALIFORNIA REGION ARE FACING SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES IN THEIR
3 EFFORTS TO ACQUIRE WATER. THE ISSUES INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL
4 CONCERNS, INCREASING COSTS TO TRANSPORT WATER FROM OUTSIDE THE
5 REGION, GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION AND COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL
6 AND STATE MANDATES REGARDING WATER QUALITY. GIVEN THE
7 CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH IMPORTED WATER AND GROUND WATER,
8 IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT LOOK TO RECLAIM WATER AS
9 A MEANS OF ADDRESSING THE WATER SUPPLY. I WOULD THEREFORE
10 DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ANALYZE
11 THE STEPS REQUIRED TO DOUBLE THE USAGE OF RECLAIMED WATER FOR
12 NONDRINKING PURPOSES AND WITH THE SOLICITATION OF INPUT FROM
13 THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE SANITATION DISTRICTS." AND THIS
14 COULD BE A REPORT BACK IN TWO WEEKS, MR. CHAIRMAN, ON THE
15 RECLAIMED WATER. SO MOVED.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SECOND.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE OTHER MOTION, MR. CHAIRMAN, IS IF WE
20 COULD DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER,
21 WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, IF THEY WOULD DO A STUDY OF ORGANIC
22 FOODS IN OUR SUPERMARKETS TO TEST AS TO IF THEY ARE ORGANIC OR
23 NOT ORGANIC AND HAVE A REPORT BACK ON THAT TYPE OF
24 INVESTIGATION, MR. CHAIRMAN.



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THOSE ARE ALL. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** [RAUL RUBIO] HE IS A TREASURED FRIEND OF MY
6 LONGTIME FRIEND, MICKEY IBARRA. RAUL WAS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD
7 OF DIRECTORS OF THE LATINO LEADERS NETWORK AND THE HISPANIC
8 INSTITUTE. HIS VARIED CAREER INCLUDED SERVICE TO CITIES OF SAN
9 JUAN AND THE ALAMO IN TEXAS AS WELL AS GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
10 AND ADVOCACY EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AS
11 WELL AS THE NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR
12 DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES.
13 MUCH OF HIS FAMILY IS HERE IN LOS ANGELES. I ASK THAT WE
14 ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S IT.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE WILL GO TO PUBLIC
21 COMMENTS. FIRST, LET'S START WITH LANCASTER. NICOLE PARSON?
22 ARE WE HOOKED UP?

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24 **NICOLE PARSON:** HI. NICOLE FROM -- OH, OKAY. YEAH, I JUST HEARD
25 MR. ANTONOVICH TALKING ABOUT THE WATER. AND, YEAH, I JUST WANT



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1 TO REITERATE WHAT I WAS TRYING TO SAY LAST NIGHT AT A PUBLIC
2 MEETING THAT THE GREASE IS NOT BIODEGRADABLE, SO IT DOESN'T
3 REALLY MAKE ANY SENSE TO TRY TO REMOVE IT. AND THAT'S JUST
4 LIKE AN EXTRA MECHANISM THAT'S GOING TO MOVE THIS DEPRECIATE
5 ITS LIFE CYCLE. AND I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND THAT. I DON'T
6 THINK THAT'S A USEFUL PART OF THE WATER AND THE SANITATION.
7 HI. LAST NIGHT, I WAS LISTENING TO THE ENERGY CONFERENCE. AND
8 THE ASTRONAUT, ONE OF THE ASTRONAUTS, HE HAD ASKED, HE HAD
9 SAID SOMETHING ABOUT HOW COME HE SMELLED THE GUN POWDER ON
10 MARS OR ON SOMETHING? AND SO I COMPARED THAT TO MY THEORY, THE
11 BLACK ICE THEORY. AND I JUST WANTED TO LET HIM KNOW THAT I
12 THINK THAT IT WAS -- I DON'T HAVE IT HERE. I THINK THAT WHAT
13 THAT WAS, WAS ACTUALLY, WHAT HE SMELLED WAS THE GUN POWDER.
14 AND WHY THAT WAS IS BECAUSE THE OIL WAS POPPING FROM THE TAR.
15 AND SO IF THAT'S ANY HELP TO HIM, HE WAS ON APOLLO 16, THE
16 MISSION. AND WITH LORI FROM NASA RESEARCH. SO JUST WANT TO SAY
17 HELLO AND HOPE THAT HELPS YOU. AND I WANTED TO ASK ALSO ABOUT
18 THE WELFARE PROVISION FOR THE KENNEL FEE AT LANCASTER OR AT
19 THE ANIMAL SHELTERS. WERE WE GOING TO BE ABLE TO IMPLEMENT
20 THAT FOR A DISCOUNT RATE, ALONG WITH THE REDESIGN? DOES
21 ANYBODY KNOW? OR DID YOU NOT KNOW WHAT I WAS ASKING? THERE WAS
22 ONE MORE. OKAY. THERE'S NO MORE CLOCK UP HERE, YOU GUYS. OKAY,
23 I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU.



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2 **NICOLE PARSONS:** BYE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I NEXT ASK ETMAN SAMEER TO JOIN US,
5 JENNIFER JACKSON, DIANE SHORTS, AND ETHEL JOHNSON, FIRST FOUR
6 SPEAKERS. WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO START, PLEASE IDENTIFY
7 YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD AND PROCEED. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SAMEER ETMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SAMEER ETMAN. I LIVE
10 IN ALTADENA. I'M HERE ON ONE PERSONAL ISSUE THAT'S ENTANGLED
11 WITH A PUBLIC SERVICE ISSUE. I AM THE APPLICANT ON A TENTATIVE
12 TRACT MAP APPLICATION NO. 53790 TO SUBDIVIDE THE LAND THAT I
13 LIVE ON IN ALTADENA INTO SOME RESIDENTIAL PARCELS. THAT TRACT
14 MAP ALSO INCLUDES A PROVISION TO A PROVIDE TRAIL TO THE
15 ALTADENA CREST TRAIL RESTORATION PROGRAM SPONSORED BY
16 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. AND I REALLY THANK THE SUPERVISOR FOR
17 HIS SUPPORT FOR THE TRAIL ISSUES IN ALTADENA AND HIS
18 PERSISTING IN THAT SUPPORT. BY NECESSITY, THESE TWO ISSUES ARE
19 ENTANGLED TOGETHER BECAUSE THE TRAIL ISSUE FOR THE COMMUNITY
20 SERVICE GOES THROUGH MY SUBDIVISION. I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK THE
21 SUPERVISORS' HELP FOR TAKING MY SUBDIVISION FORWARD FOR BEING
22 STUCK IN SOME KIND OF ROUTINE ISSUES THAT HAS BEEN HOLDING IT
23 BACK FOR MONTHS NOW. AND AT THIS TIME, I FEEL LIKE I HAVE TO
24 REALLY THANK AND APPRECIATE THE HELP THAT I RECEIVED ALREADY
25 LAST YEAR FROM SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH DEVELOPMENT DEPUTY, MR.



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1 PAUL NOVAK, WHICH HAVE RESCUED ME ALREADY LAST YEAR FROM
2 ANOTHER DEBACLE. AND I ALSO THANK MISS SUZIE NIMMER, MY FIELD
3 SUPERVISOR, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FIELD DEPUTY, FOR GOING
4 THROUGH THIS YEAR HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS BETWEEN C.E.O., PARKS
5 AND RECREATIONS AND OTHERS, TO HELP ME ADVANCE THROUGH THIS
6 HOLDUP RIGHT NOW. I REALLY THINK THAT THIS HOLDUP IS
7 TECHNICAL. IT'S BASED ON OPINIONS THAT CANNOT BE REVERSED. I
8 MEAN, IT CAN BE REVERSED. IT'S JUST AN OPINION THAT DOESN'T
9 PRECLUDE OTHER OPINIONS OR OTHER OPTIONS. IF I CANNOT PASS
10 THROUGH THIS KIND OF OBSTACLE RIGHT NOW, I STAND TO HAVE AN
11 UNNECESSARY FINANCIAL DISASTER BY LOSING THE SUBDIVISION
12 ITSELF. AND THE COMMUNITY WOULD STAND LOSING A VERY NICE
13 OPTION FOR THE ALTADENA CREST TRAIL TO GO THROUGH A NICE
14 MOUNTAINOUS ROUTE THROUGH RUBY CANYON. SO I JUST WANTED TO
15 VOICE MY CONCERN HERE AND ASK THE SUPERVISOR FOR HELP. THANK
16 YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. PAUL WILL VISIT WITH YOU
19 RIGHT THERE. NEXT?

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21 **DIANE SHORTS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DIANE SHORTS. I LIVE IN
22 VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA, THAT'S SAN BERNADINO COUNTY. AND I AM
23 HERE BECAUSE OF A FAMILY MEMBER THAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT. I AM
24 ALSO A FAMILY MEMBER OF SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. I AM
25 HERE ON BEHALF OF MY COUSIN, LANEESHA REILLY. LANEESHA GREW UP



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1 IN L.A. AS A STUDENT IN SCHOOL. SHE WAS ELECTED TO VISIT THE
2 WHITE HOUSE AND THE PRESIDENT. SHE HAS THREE LOVELY CHILDREN,
3 WHO ARE WITH HER AUNT IN HER AUNT'S CARE. I'M HERE BECAUSE
4 LANEESHA HAS A PROBLEM. SHE HAS A DRUG PROBLEM. SHE IS
5 SUICIDAL. SHE LAYS DOWN IN FRONT OF THE CARS. SHE ABUSES DRUG
6 AND ALCOHOL. SHE GETS VIOLENT. SHE SELLS HER BODY FOR A
7 DOLLAR. SHE HAS ALSO GONE AS FAR AS HAVING SEX WITH FAMILY
8 MEMBER. SHE HAS BEEN RAPED A NUMBER OF TIMES, SEVERELY ABUSED
9 IN THE STREET AS SHE WALKS THE STREETS. SHE HAS BEEN
10 HOSPITALIZED SEVERAL TIMES WITH HER FAMILY TRYING TO GET HER
11 IN. THE MOST RECENT WAS IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR. SHE'S CONVINCED
12 -- BUT SHE CONVINCED THE DOCTORS WHEN SHE'S THERE AFTER SO
13 MANY DAYS THAT SHE'S OKAY AND THEY LET HER GO. AND WHAT'S
14 HAPPENING WITH THAT IS THAT THEY DON'T CONSULT THE FAMILY WHEN
15 THEY'RE LETTING HER GO AND SHE GOES BACK INTO THE STREET AND
16 DO THE SAME THING. SO WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR IS TO TRY TO GET
17 CONSERVATORY SO WE CAN GET HER PERMANENT. WE HAD WORKED WITH
18 ALAN SATKINS FROM PATIENT RIGHTS WHICH TRIED TO HELP. ALSO
19 HAVE WORKED WITH JENNIFER JACKSON, WHO IS SITTING RIGHT BESIDE
20 ME WHO IS CERTIFIED PEER ADVOCATE. AND WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT
21 WITH HER. SHE'S BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING TO KEEP HER FOR
22 SEVEN DAYS, INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING US. BUT WE NEED MORE HELP
23 AS FAR AS GETTING THE CONSERVATORY. TRYING TO GET HER WHERE WE
24 CAN KEEP HER IN SO SHE CAN GET THE HELP, SO EVENTUALLY SHE CAN
25 BE GOOD FOR HER CHILDREN LATER ON. RIGHT NOW SHE'S NOT. AND



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1 SHE IS OUT THERE GETTING IN BAD SITUATIONS AND LAYING IN FRONT
2 OF CARS, WANTING TO GET HIT. SO WE JUST NEED HELP FOR HER.
3 WE'RE HOPING THAT WE CAN GET THAT FROM EVERYBODY, FROM WHOEVER
4 COULD HELP US.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE SOMEONE OUT THERE THAT WILL TALK
7 TO YOU, AS WELL. GO AHEAD.

8

9 **JENNIFER JACKSON:** MY NAME IS JENNIFER JACKSON. AND I WANT TO
10 SAY THAT I SUFFERED FROM A MENTAL ILLNESS FOR YEARS, SO BAD
11 WHERE I WALKED THE STREETS AND MY FEET BUSTED OPEN. I WAS ON
12 DRUGS FOR OVER 30 YEARS. I'VE BEEN STABLE MENTALLY SINCE 2005,
13 OFF DRUGS SINCE 2005. I JUST GRADUATED FROM SOUTHWEST COLLEGE
14 JUNE 9TH, AND I HAVE A BOOK COMING OUT CALLED "THE STREET'S MY
15 CRADLE." I DIDN'T HAVE A FAMILY TO HOLD ON TO. ALL I HAD WAS
16 D.M.H., AND I USED TO GO IN THERE RANTING AND RAVING AND
17 TELLING THEM SOMEBODY WAS GOING TO EARN THEIR MONEY, AND THEY
18 DID. I'M LIVING PROOF THAT THERAPY DOES WORK. BUT TO HAVE A
19 HOSPITAL PLACE WHAT THEY DID TO LANEESHA, THEY PUT HER IN THE
20 PRIVATE SIDE. WHEN BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS BECAUSE SHE
21 DIDN'T HAVE THE PRIVATE INSURANCE AND THE MEDICAL SIDE WAS
22 FULL, BUT THEY RELEASED HER WITHOUT CONSULTING THE FAMILY. AND
23 I UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE H.I.P.A.A. LAWS, BUT THEY ALSO HAVE
24 RELEASE OF INFORMATION FORMS. SO IT'S EITHER A DOCTOR, BEFORE
25 RELEASING A PATIENT WITH SUCH SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESSES, IF A



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1 PERSON IS SELLING THEIR BODY FOR A DOLLAR, WALKING IN STORES
2 BUCK NAKED, SUFFERING FROM A DRUG PROBLEM, THEY SHOULD NOT BE
3 ABLE TO MAKE A DECISION ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE
4 FUNCTIONAL ENOUGH TO BE RELEASED. AND THAT DOCTOR SHOULD
5 CONSULT THE FAMILY MEMBERS, EITHER WITH THE RELEASE OF
6 INFORMATION OR MAYBE H.I.P.A.A. LAWS NEED TO BE REVISED.
7 ANOTHER THING I WANTED TO SAY IS THAT I KNOW THE FAMILY IS
8 REALLY, BEFORE SHE WAS RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL, THAT WAS
9 SILVER LAKE, BEFORE SHE WAS RELEASED FROM THERE, THE FAMILY
10 WAS TRYING TO GET TEMPORARY CONSERVATORSHIP. AND THE DOCTOR
11 NEVER CALLED THEM BACK. DOCTOR JAMAL NEVER RETURNED THE CALLS.
12 THE FAMILY ASKED ME, I JUST SO HAPPENED TO WALK UP ON THEM. I
13 THOUGHT IT WAS A BOARD AND CARE HOME WHERE LANEESHA WAS LIVING
14 IN, IT WASN'T. I'M A RECOVERY FACILITATOR IN SOME BOARD AND
15 CARE HOMES. AND SO THAT'S HOW I CAME IN CONTACT WITH THE
16 FAMILY. AND THEY JUST STARTED TO SHARE THEIR STORY AND ASKED
17 ME TO ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF THEM. I'M A CERTIFIED PEER
18 ADVOCATE THROUGH PROJECT RETURN, MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA, AND
19 D.M.M.H. SO I'VE BEEN DOING WHAT I CAN TO HELP BECAUSE I WAS
20 LANEESHA. AND THERE ARE A LOT OF OTHER LANEESHAS OUT THERE. A
21 LOT OF MEN, WOMEN IN EVERYBODY'S DISTRICT, SUPERVISORY
22 DISTRICT, THAT REALLY NEEDS HELP. AND THEY NEED SOME TYPE OF
23 FUNDING FOR NOT JUST HOUSING, A LONG-TERM MENTAL HEALTH
24 FACILITY. NOT JUST HOUSING, BUT ALSO COMMUNITY OUTREACH. SOME
25 KIND OF OUTREACH, OKAY? WE NEED SOME HELP.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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4 **JENNIFER JACKSON:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I ASK WALTER BECKTEL AND ARNOLD SACHS TO
7 JOIN US. MR. BECKTEL?

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9 **ETHEL JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON TO THE BOARD TO EACH AND EVERY
10 ONE OF YOU. I'M BLESSED TO BE HERE TODAY BUT I'M HERE TO
11 BRIDGE -- BRING YOU SOME THINGS THAT MAYBE YOU HAVEN'T GOTTEN
12 YET FROM THE GOVERNOR, GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARTZ, I HAVE SOME
13 PAPERS HERE FOR THE TAX CUTS FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS FAMILY AND
14 AMERICAN BUSINESSES. IF SOMEBODY WOULD LIKE TO TAKE IT. ALSO,
15 I RECEIVED YOUR LEGAL JUSTICE GUIDE AND CRIMINAL DEFENSE FOR
16 LAW FIRMS AND ALSO THEY CAN HAVE, FROM THE COUNTY, THIS IS
17 FROM THE COUNTY, I JUST RECEIVED THIS FROM YOU. I'M THANKING
18 YOU FOR THAT. FOR FELONIES, D.U.I.S AND EVERYTHING LIKE THAT.
19 BUT WE ALSO HAVE ANOTHER PROBLEM, WHICH IS IDENTITY THEFT.
20 IDENTITY THEFT FOR THE ELDERLY, FOR THE SICK AND THE, LIKE SHE
21 SAID, MENTALLY AND DISABLED. I GO IN ALL AREAS, MR. KNABE'S
22 AREA, MRS. MOLINA. I GET A LOT OF COMMENTS FROM THE JEWISH
23 COMMUNITY IN SANTA MONICA FROM THE V.A., AND HONORABLE MIKE
24 ANTONOVICH, WHICH I'M USUALLY IN LANCASTER. WELL, LANCASTER, I
25 HAVE THE V.A. BUSINESS RESOURCE FOR AMERICAN VETERANS SMALL



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1 BUSINESSES. SO I WOULD LIKE FOR IT TO BE IN EVERYBODY'S AREA,
2 NOT JUST ONE AREA. BUT I WORK WITH A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT'S
3 BUSINESS, SMALL BUSINESS LOANS AND EVERYTHING ELSE LIKE THAT.
4 RIGHT NOW, ALSO I HAVE THIS ONE HERE, VETERANS DISABILITY
5 MATTERS, CLAIMS. AND HE'S AN ATTORNEY, R. EDWARD BATES,
6 ATTORNEY FOR ANY VETERANS THAT'S ON APPEALS. I AM ON ONE, TOO.
7 CLAIMS. IF THEY CLAIM THAT YOU ARE DENIED YOUR CLAIM, HE'LL
8 HELP YOU. HE'S FROM NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS. SO I'M GOING TO GIVE
9 YOU THAT, TOO. BECAUSE A LOT OF TIMES YOU DON'T GET THE
10 INFORMATION WE GET OUT THERE, YOU KNOW. SO I WOULD LIKE TO
11 RETIRE OUT. I'VE BEEN WITH THE COUNTY U.S. MEDICAL AS A NURSE
12 FOR A LONG TIME. JUST COUNTY, I KEPT TO THINKING, GEE, WHIZ 29
13 YEARS, IT WENT BY SO FAST. I WORKED AT U.S. MEDICAL. I WORKED
14 ON THE 13TH FLOOR, WHICH WAS THE COUNTY BOARD ALSO HAS
15 CONNECTION WITH THAT. I WORKED FROM THE FIRST FLOOR TO THE
16 13TH WARD. I WORKED THE ALCOHOL WARD. I WORKED THE C.A. WARD.
17 AND RIGHT NOW I HAVE A CLAIM. AND HOPEFULLY I'LL GET THAT
18 CLAIM. WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE THE REST OF THESE?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. BECKTEL?

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22 **WALTER BECKTEL:** DO YOU WANT ME TO SPEAK OR MR. SACHS TO SPEAK?
23 MR. SACHS ISN'T HERE, SO IT'S UP TO YOU.

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1 **WALTER BECKTEL:** MY NAME, IT SAYS PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR
2 THE RECORD. MY NAME IS WALTER BECKTEL, B-E-C-K-T-E-L. I WANTED
3 TO COME IN. I TRIED TO TELL YOU GUYS SOME THINGS ABOUT THIS.
4 ARNOLD TOLD YOU GUYS YOU'RE GOING TO GET CUT MORE MONEY. I
5 HEARD MR. MILLIONAIRE, OR EXCUSE ME, MR. YAROSLAVSKY ON THE
6 RADIO, SAY THAT HE WAS DISPLEASED ABOUT WHAT ARNOLD HAD TO DO,
7 CUT THE MONEY. BUT YOU GUYS GOT A LOT OF PROBLEMS GOING ON
8 OVER HERE. I TALKED TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. I TRIED TO
9 EXPLAIN TO HIM WHAT'S GOING ON. I FINALLY WAS TOLD TO TALK TO
10 THEM, EVEN THOUGH YOU GUYS TOLD ME I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO. AND
11 FINALLY CALLED AROUND AND THEY SAID I WAS SUPPOSED TO TALK TO
12 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. AND I WENT OVER THERE TO THE DISTRICT
13 ATTORNEY. AND HE SAYS, YOU KNOW, ARE YOU ARE ON MEDICATION?
14 MEDICAL MEDICATION. JUST FOR THE RECORD, I'D LIKE TO SAY AS
15 LONG AS I'M CLAIMING THAT I'M AN AUTHOR OF SOMETHING THAT
16 PEOPLE HAVE STOLEN FROM ME, I NOTICE PEOPLE SAY I HAVE A
17 MENTAL PROBLEM. BUT WHENEVER I GO TO CLAIM SOME INCOME FROM
18 SOCIAL SECURITY, THAT'S WHEN THEY SAY I DON'T HAVE A MENTAL
19 PROBLEM. AND I THINK THE PROBLEM HERE IS THE FRAUD IS GOING ON
20 IN YOUR CITY, ESPECIALLY OVER AT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
21 OFFICE. AND IF YOU WANT TO STOP THE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES,
22 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TURN THESE PEOPLE OVER TO THE
23 AUTHORITIES YOU SHOULD TURN THEM OVER TO. BECAUSE, I MEAN,
24 THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE INVESTIGATING THESE THINGS. AND THEY'RE
25 SUPPOSED TO BE MAKING ARRESTS. AND THEY'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING.



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1 THEY'RE ACCUSING THE WITNESSES OF HAVING SOME KIND OF A
2 PROBLEM OR LYING OR WHATEVER IT IS. BUT THAT DOESN'T CUT IT
3 WHEN IT COMES TO THE FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS. I MEAN, I'VE ALREADY
4 TOLD YOU PEOPLE, I GRADUATED FROM U.C.S.D. IN 1979. I GOT ALL
5 KINDS OF ENTERTAINMENT PEOPLE IN MY FAMILY. I HAVE A FINE ART
6 DEGREE. AND I HAVE BACKGROUND IN MUSIC, ET CETERA. AND ANYBODY
7 THOUGH THAT, AS FAR AS YOUR INVESTIGATOR IS CONCERNED THAT
8 MAKES A CLAIM LIKE THAT HAS SOME KIND OF A MENTAL PROBLEM. I
9 THINK YOU GOT A MENTAL PROBLEM. IT'S OBVIOUS IT'S COSTING YOU
10 A LOT OF MONEY AND YOU'RE NOT GETTING NO MONEY FOR IT. AND MR.
11 SCHWARZENEGGER IS MORE SLY TO WHAT'S GOING ON THAN YOU GIVE
12 HIM CREDIT FOR. SO I WANT TO BACK HIM UP ABOUT IT, AND
13 ANYTHING HE WANTS TO CUT OUT, THAT'S WHAT YOU GOT COMING TO
14 HIM. YOU GOT TO PUT YOUR CARDS ON THE TABLE AND STOP LYING
15 ABOUT IT. THAT'S SIMPLE AS THAT. IT'S NOT MY PROBLEM. IT'S
16 OBVIOUSLY YOUR PROBLEM NOW. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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20 **WALTER BECKTEL:** SOMEBODY LEFT THEIR GLASSES UP HERE?

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THIS IS YOUR LUCKY DAY,
23 ARNOLD. THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENTS.

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I UNDERSTAND. THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD
2 SACHS. I WAS ACTUALLY AT CITY COUNCIL. I HAD TO LEAVE. I HAD
3 TO COME OVER HERE TO GET A BREATH OF FRESH AIR, THAT'S HOW
4 CORRUPT IT IS OVER THERE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THAT'S KIND OF A BACKHANDED COMPLIMENT.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I KNOW, BUT IT'S BETTER THAN NO
11 COMPLIMENT.

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THIS IS TRUE. I KNOW I MISSED MY OPPORTUNITY.
14 I'M NOT SURE IF ANYBODY ADDRESSED IT, BUT YOU HAD AN ITEM ON
15 YOUR AGENDA REGARDING CONTRACTS WITH IRAN.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES. THERE WERE PLENTY OF PEOPLE TO
18 ADDRESS IT. A LOT OF PEOPLE. YOU WERE THE ONLY SPEAKER THAT
19 DIDN'T SHOW UP.

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21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT I WAS WONDERING IF ANYBODY
22 MENTIONED THE M.T.A. CONTRACT WITH ALDO BAREDA, WHICH WAS IN
23 THE NEWSPAPER. BECAUSE ALDO BAREDA SUBSIDIARY HAS A CONTRACT
24 FOR THE ELECTRICAL GENERATING FOR THE IRANIAN PLANTS. AND
25 SINCE M.T.A. IS CONSIDERING A RAIL CONTRACT WITH THE CARS, AND



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1 YOU'RE, I GUESS, ALREADY SET ON SENDING THEM A LETTER, TO
2 LACERA, WHERE DOES IT PUT THE M.T.A. IN ITS CONTRACT
3 NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE RAIL CARS? THURSDAY IS AN M.T.A. BOARD
4 MEETING, IF YOU REALLY WANT TO SEE A SHOW. AT THAT BOARD
5 MEETING, CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE MID-CITY
6 EXPOSITION LINE AND THE FIASCO THAT IT IS. I'M AT A LOSS,
7 BECAUSE I RAN OVER HERE. I JUST AM TIRED.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I GET IT. "I-RAN" OVER HERE.

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11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I RAN OVER HERE. FROM THE CITY COUNCIL.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THAT'S TRIGGERED YOUR MEMORY ABOUT
14 THE IRAN ISSUE. SO I RAN OVER HERE, SO YOU GET IT?

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** DON'T GIVE UP YOUR DAY JOB. THE NEWS, ALSO THERE
17 WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE NEWSPAPER THAT REGARDING THE SHERIFFS
18 AND IT'S THE RAPE BACKLOG OF 4,000 CASES. I CANNOT IMAGINE
19 THAT THERE IS A 4,000 RAPE CASE BACKLOG OF D.N.A. TESTING. IF
20 THAT WERE TO BE THE CASE, THERE WOULD BE AN EPIDEMIC OF RAPES.
21 HOW FAR BACK DO THEY GO? IT IS THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE SHERIFF'S
22 DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN NOT TAKING
23 THE STEPS THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN NEEDED WHEN THE FEDERAL
24 GOVERNMENT GOT OUT OF THE RAPE TESTING CASES, RAPE TESTING
25 SCENARIO AND PUT THE NATIONAL DATABASE TOGETHER. WHY STEPS



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1 WEREN'T TAKEN TO INCREASE THE MANPOWER, BECAUSE WHEN THE
2 DATABASE WAS CREATED, MORE CATEGORIES FOR TESTING WERE
3 INITIATED. WHY STEPS WEREN'T TAKEN BY THE SHERIFF AND THE
4 SUPERVISORS TO ADDRESS THAT CONCERN, WELL THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE
5 A BACKLOG. DON'T PUT IT ON ONE SPECIFIC ITEM BECAUSE IT IS A
6 COMBINATION OF THINGS. AND BY GOING THROUGH THOSE MUNDANE
7 TESTS, I'LL FINISH IN ONE SECOND, YOU WERE LOOKING IN THE
8 NEWSPAPER.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TWO SECONDS.

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12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU WERE LOOKING IN THE NEWSPAPER AND YOU'RE
13 FINDING THAT PEOPLE ARE BEING CONVICTED FOR COLD CASES BASED
14 ON TEST RESULTS FROM INSIGNIFICANT TESTS.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU KNOW THAT THIS BOARD HAS BEEN
17 EXTREMELY AGGRESSIVE ON THE BACKLOG ISSUE. AND WE HAVE ADDED
18 MORE STAFF. ANYWAY, OKAY, WITH THAT, ALL ITEMS ON THE CLOSED
19 SESSION HAVE BEEN CONTINUED. THE MEETING IS ADJOURNED. IS THAT
20 CORRECT?

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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